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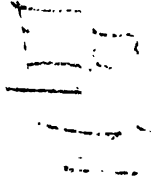
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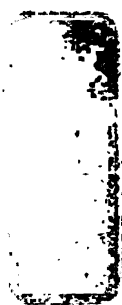


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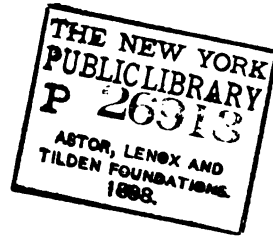
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LIST OF THE CLERGY

OF THE

DIOCESE OF EASTON, NOVEMBER 19TH, 1868.

* * Those whose names are in *italics*, were declared not entitled to seats in Convention, and those marked with a * did not attend its sessions.

The Rev. JAMES A. McKENNEY, D. D., Rector of East New Market Parish, Dorchester Co.

- " " ORLANDO HUTTON, Rector of St. Peter's Parish, Talbot Co.
- " " JOHN CROSDALE, Rector of Pocomoke and Coventry Parishes, Somerset and Worcester Co's.
- " " THEODORE P. BARBER, Rector of Great Choptank Parish, Dorchester Co.
- " " **John A. Thompson*, residing on Kent Island.
- " " *SAMUEL K. STEWART, Rector of Worcester Parish, Worcester Co. *
- " " ERASTUS F. DASHIELL, Rector of St. Michael's Parish, Talbot Co.
- " " RICHARD H. B. MITCHELL, Rector of Trinity Church, Elkton.
- " " MEYER LEWIN, D. D., Rector of Spring Hill Parish, Somerset Co.
- " " GEORGE F. BEAVEN, Rector of St. John's Parish, Caroline Co.
- " " **Greenbury W. Ridgely*, residing in Caroline Co.
- " " JAMES L. BRYAN, M. D., Deacon, Assistant Minister of Great Choptank Parish, Dorchester Co.
- " " *EDWARD H. C. GOODWIN, Rector of Chester Parish, Kent Co.
- " " G. W. E. FISSE, Rector of St. Luke's Parish, Queen Anne's Co.
- " " **Thomas L. Green*, residing near Church Hill.
- " " CHARLES H. SHEILD, Rector of North Sassafras Parish, Cecil Co.
- " " JOSEPH N. WATTSON, Rector of North Kent Parish, Kent Co.
- " " JOHN O. BARTON, B. D., Rector of Somerset Parish, Somerset Co.
- " " WILLIAM FULTON, Rector of All Hallows' Parish, Worcester Co.
- " " ARISTIDES S. SMITH, Rector of St. Paul's Parish, Queen Anne's Co.

List of the Clergy.

The Rev. LEWIS H. JACKSON, Rector of North Elk Parish, Cecil Co.

" " W. DOANE MITCHELL, Deacon, Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, Elkton, and officiating in Augustine Parish, Cecil Co.

" " *SAMUEL D. HALL, Rector of Dorchester Parish, Dorchester Co.

" " JAMES T. HUTCHESON, Rector of Shrewsbury Parish, Kent Co.

" " JAMES A. MITCHELL, Rector of Whitmarsh Parish, Talbot Co.

" " LUCIEN C. LANCE, Rector of Wye Parish, Queen Anne and Talbot Co's.

" " ROBERT WILSON, Rector of St. Paul's Parish, Kent Co.

In all: 25 Priests and 2 Deacons=27.

ROY W. J.
J. L. J.
Y. A. J.

LIST
OF PARISHES AND CONGREGATIONS IN THE DIOCESE OF
EASTON, WITH THE CLERGY OF THE SAME;

AND
OF LAY DELEGATES TO THE PRIMARY CONVENTION.

Lay Delegates marked with a * did not attend.

CAROLINE COUNTY.

St. John's Parish ; St. Paul's Church, Hillsborough.	<i>Lay Delegates.</i>
Rev. George F. Beaven, Rector.	Wm. S. Ridgely.
St. Mary's Whitechapel Parish.	

CECIL COUNTY.

Augustine Parish ; St. Augustine Church.	
Rev. R. H. B. Mitchell, Rector.	
" W. D. Mitchell, Deacon, Assistant.	
North Elk Parish ; St. Mary Anne's Church, North East.	
Rev. L. H. Jackson, Rector.	
St. Mark's Chapel, Perryville.	
North Sassafras Parish ; St. Stephen's Church.	
Rev. Chas. H. Sheild, Rector.	Geo. Biddle.
Trinity Church, Elkton.	
Rev. R. H. B. Mitchell, Rector.	Dr. A. B. Mitchell.
" W. D. Mitchell, Deacon, Ass't Minister.	Dr. R. C. Mackall.

DORCHESTER COUNTY.

Dorchester Parish ; Trinity Church, Church Creek.	
Trinity Chapel, Taylor's Island.	
Rev. Samuel D. Hall, Rector.	Wm. K. Travers.
East New Market Parish ; St. Stephen's Church,	
East New Market.	
Rev. Jas. A. McKenney, D. D., Rector.	Thos. Hughlett.
Great Choptank Parish ; Christ Church, Cambridge.	
St. John's Chapel, Castle Haven Neck.	
Rev. Theo. P. Barber, Rector.	Dr. Carey B. Gamble.
" Jas. L. Bryan, M. D., Deacon, Ass't Minister.	Clement Sulivane.
Vienna Parish ; St. Paul's Church, Vienna.	
Rev. Theo. P. Barber, Rector.	*J. A. Higgins.

List of Parishes, &c.

KENT COUNTY.

Lay Delegates.

Chester Parish ; St. Paul's Church, Chestertown.	
Rev. E. H. C. Goodwin, Rector.	Geo. W. T. Perkins.
I. U. Parish ; St. Peter's Church.	E. T. Wroth.
North Kent Parish ; St. Clement's Church, Massey's X Roads.	
Rev. J. N. Wattson, Rector.	C. H. B. Massey.
St. Paul's Parish ; St. Paul's Church.	
Rev. Robt. Wilson.	L. M. Ricaud.
Shrewsbury Parish ; Shrewsbury Church.	
Rev. J. T. Hutcheson, Rector.	William Janvier.

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY.

Christ Church Parish ; Christ Church, Kent Island.	
St. Mark's Chapel, Kent Island.	W. E. G. Newnam.
St. Luke's Parish ; St. Luke's Church, Church Hill.	
Rev. Geo. W. E. Fisse, Rector.	John Brown.
St. Paul's Parish ; St. Paul's Church, Centreville.	
Rev. A. S. Smith, Rector.	John B. Brown.

QUEEN ANNE'S AND TALBOT COUNTIES.

Wye Parish ; St Luke's Church, Queenstown.	
St. Luke's Church, Wye.	
Rev. Lucien C. Lance, Rector.	Richard B. Carmichael.

SOMERSET COUNTY.

Coventry Parish ; Rehoboth Church, Rehoboth.	
St. Paul's, Annessex.	
St. Mark's Chapel, Kingston.	
Rev. John Crosdale, Rector.	C. A. Curtis.
Somerset Parish ; All Saints' Church, Monie.	
St. Andrew's Church, Princess Anne.	
Rev. J. O. Barton, Rector.	J. S. Atkinson.
Wicomico Parish ; Grace Church.	

SOMERSET AND WORCESTER COUNTIES.

Pocomoke Parish ; St. Mary's Church, Newtown.	
Rev. John Crosdale, Rector.	S. S. McMaster.

TALBOT COUNTY.

St. Michael's Parish ; St. Michael's Church, St. Michael's.	
St. John's Church, Miles River Ferry.	
St. Paul's Chapel, Royal Oak.	
Rev. Erastus F. Dashiell, Rector.	Geo. R. Goldsborough.
St. Peter's Parish ; Christ Church, Easton.	
Rev. Orlando Hutton, Rector.	Dr. J. L. Adkins.
Church of the Holy Trinity, Oxford.	Tench Tilghman.

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Whitemarsh Parish ; St. Peter's Church, Trappe.
Rev. Jas. A. Mitchell, Rector.

Lay Delegates.

Thos. S. Haddaway.

WICOMICO COUNTY.

St. Matthew's Parish ; St. Matthew's Church.
Spring Hill Parish ; St. Paul's Church.
St. Peter's Chapel, Salisbury.
St. Philip's Chapel, Quantico.

E. E. Holloway.

Rev. Meyer Lewin, D. D., Rector.
Stepney Parish ; Stepney Church, Green Hill.
St. Mary's Chapel, Tyaskin.

William Waller.

WORCESTER COUNTY.

All Hallows' Parish ; All Hallows' Church, Snow Hill.
S. John's Church, Traptown.
Chapel of the Holy Cross, Sandy Hill.

Rev. William Fulton, Rector.

J. B. Purnell, M. D.

Worcester Parish ; St. Paul's Church, Berlin.
St. Martin's Church, St. Martin's.

Rev. Samuel K. Stewart, Rector.

W. B. Robbins.

In all: 32 Incorporated Parishes and Congregations, (represented at the Primary Convention by 28 Lay Delegates,) and 17 Chapels.

**OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES OF THE PRIMARY
CONVENTION.**

OFFICERS.

The REV. JOHN CROSDALE,
President.

The Rev. JAS. L. BRYAN, M. D.,
Secretary, Cambridge, Md.

WM. S. WALKER, ESQ.,
Assistant Secretary.

THOS. HUGHLETT, ESQ.,
Treasurer, Easton.

Standing Committee:

the Rev. Jas. A. McKenney, D. D., (*Pres.*) Cambridge, the Rev. John
Crosdale, (*Sec.*) Newtown, the Rev. Theo. P. Barber, the Rev. E. F.
Dashiell, the Rev. E. H. C. Goodwin, the Rev. O. Hutton, the Rev. M.
Lewin, D. D.

Trustees of the Episcopal Fund:

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Geo. R. Goldsborough, E. L. F. Hardcastle, Wm. S. Walker, Geo. B.
Westcott.

Committee on the State of the Church:

the Rev. Jas. A. McKenney, D. D., the Rev. J. O. Barton, the Rev. A.
S. Smith, Gen. T. Tilghman, John B. Brown, Esq.

Committee on Assessments:

Messrs. J. L. Adkins, M. D., Geo. R. Goldsborough, and Wm. E. G-
Newnam.

On Constitution and Canons :

the Rev. Theo. P. Barber, the Rev. M. Lewin, D. D., the Hon. R. B. Carmichael.

Committee to Examine the Laws of the State Affecting the Church :

the Hon. R. B. Carmichael, Col. Sam'l Hambleton, and Lloyd Tilghman, Esq.

Committee to meet the next Convention of the Diocese of Maryland, to confer with any Committee that may be appointed by that Body to consider matters of common interest.

the Rev. M. Lewin, D. D., the Rev. E. F. Dashiell, the Rev. O. Hutton, Dr. J. L. Adkins, and the Hon. R. B. Carmichael.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with prayer.
2. This Convention shall sit for the despatch of business, beginning with Divine service at 9 o'clock, A. M., and at 5 o'clock, P. M., on each day of the session.
3. At the opening of the session, the Convention shall be called to order by the Bishop; or, if there be no Bishop, or he be absent, by the President of the Standing Committee, or by some member of that body, appointed by those of its members who may be present.
4. The names of the Clergymen who were entitled to seats in the last Convention, shall then be called over by the Secretary of that Convention; or, in his absence, by some person appointed by the Bishop or other person who called the Convention to order. The Lay Delegates shall then lay their certificates upon the table, and subscribe the Declaration required by the Constitution. If a quorum of both orders appear, the Bishop, if present, shall announce the fact, and declare that the Convention is organized and ready for business.
5. In case of the absence of the Bishop or of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the person who called the Convention to order shall announce that there is a quorum present. The Convention shall then proceed to elect a President, according to the seventh article of the Constitution; who shall, so soon as his election is completed, take the chair, and declare that the Convention is organized and ready for business.
6. The first business after that declaration is made, either by the Bishop or the President, shall be the election of a Secretary. The Chair may then appoint an Assistant Secretary and the Committees mentioned in the next rule.
7. The following Committees shall be appointed by the Chair: one on Elections, to consist of three laymen, to whom the testimonials of the Lay Delegates shall be referred; one on Accounts, to consist of three laymen; one on Parochial Contributions, to consist of three laymen; one on the Admission of New Parishes and Churches into union with this Convention, to consist of two clergymen and one layman; one on the Rights of Clergymen to seats in this Convention, to consist of three Clergymen; and one of Canons and other business, to consist of two clergymen and one layman. The Chair shall also appoint all other Committees, for the appointment of which no other provision is made, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.
8. Every member shall take his seat when the President takes the chair, and remain uncovered until he shall have left the Convention.
9. Every member who shall speak in any debate, shall stand up in his place and respectfully address himself to the President.
10. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the President shall decide who shall speak first.
11. No member shall speak more than twice in any debate without leave. If any member shall rise to speak more than twice on the same question without leave, the President shall call him to order. No member shall be interrupted while he is speaking in order.

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12. Any member who is speaking shall take his seat when called to order by the President or any other member.

13. No member shall speak to another so as to interrupt any member who may be speaking in debate.

14. No motion shall be debated until the same be seconded, and, if desired by any member, reduced to writing and read by the Secretary.

15. When a motion is made and seconded, the matter of the motion shall receive a determination by the question, before any motion not privileged shall be received.

16. Privileged motions, in their order of precedence, shall be to adjourn, to postpone indefinitely, to lay on the table, to amend, and to offer a substitute : the question on the first three to be taken without debate.

17. If a question contain more parts than one, any member may have the same divided into as many questions as there are parts.

18. All questions of Order shall be decided by the President ; but there shall be a right of appeal to the Convention.

19. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention ; and shall not be again drawn into debate during the session, except with the consent of two-thirds of the Convention.

20. No question shall be taken on any Report, unless upon a motion to print or re-commit it ; but Reports shall, as of course, lie upon the table. If a Committee deem any action of the Convention desirable, it shall be their duty to present in writing such Resolutions, Acts, or Canons, as they may think it should adopt ; which only shall be subject to the action of the Convention. Every Act which divides a Parish, or in any way affects Parish Boundaries, shall distinctly set out the new boundaries which it is intended to establish. The Convention will not act upon proposed Resolution, Act, or Canon, which is not conformed to the provisions of this rule.

21. All Elections shall be by ballot, unless otherwise ordered ; the votes of the Clergy and Laity shall be received and counted separately ; but the vote shall be regarded as a joint one, and the election shall be decided by a majority of the whole number of votes taken together, unless a vote by Orders shall have been required agreeably to the fourth article of the Constitution.

22. The foregoing Rules of Order shall be deemed and considered the Rules of Order of all future Conventions, until altered or rescinded ; and the same shall be published in the Journal of each Convention.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

PURSUANT to the following call from the Bishop of the Diocese of Maryland, the clergy of the Eastern Shore, together with the lay delegates from the respective parishes, met in Christ Church, Easton, on Thursday, the nineteenth day of November, 1868, at 10 o'clock, A. M. :

TO THE CLERGY AND PARISHES ON THE EASTERN SHORE OF MARYLAND,
WITHIN THAT PORTION OF THE DIOCESE OF MARYLAND CREATED INTO A
NEW DIOCESE.

Greeting :

The General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America having ratified the action of the Convention of the Diocese of Maryland, erecting a new Diocese, constituted of "all that portion of the State of Maryland known and designated as the Eastern Shore of Maryland, being all that part of the said State lying east of Chesapeake Bay and the Susquehanna River, embracing the counties of Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne, Caroline, Talbot, Dorchester, Wicomico, Somerset, and Worcester," such division of the Diocese of Maryland and erection of the new Diocese, to take effect on the calling of a Convention for the purpose by the Bishop ; it is made my duty by section 1, Canon 6, Title III. of the Digest, to call the Convention by which such erection of the new Diocese shall be completed.

In discharging the duty thus devolving upon me, I hereby call a Convention of the Clergy and Laity of that portion of the Diocese of Maryland erected into a new Diocese, to meet in Christ Church, Easton, Talbot County, on Thursday, the nineteenth day of November, at ten o'clock in the morning, then and there to assemble and organize as a new Diocese, under the provisions of Article V. of the Constitution, and of Canon 6 of Title III. of the Digest.

Praying for the Divine blessing on your assemblage and work, in the procedure and results, I humbly commit you to the promised guidance of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Your loving friend and servant,

WILLIAM ROLLINSON WHITTINGHAM,

Bishop of Maryland.

HOUSE OF BISHOPS,
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Morning prayer was said by the Rev. John Crosdale, assisted by the Rev. Theo. P. Barber. The Ante-Communion service was read by the Rev. Jas. A. McKenney, D. D., and the sermon preached by

the Rev. John O. Barton. The Holy Communion was administered by the Rev. Dr. McKenney, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Hutton, Barber, and Crosdale. Divine Service being concluded, the clergy and lay delegates present were called to order by the Rev. Dr. McKenney, President of the Standing Committee, who took the chair *pro tempore*, by the appointment of the Bishop.

The President *pro tempore*, appointed the Rev. John Crosdale, Secretary *pro tempore*.

The names of the Parishès being called by the Secretary, certificates of election were laid upon his table by the lay delegates, present.

The Chair appointed the following Committees :

On Elections.—The Hon. R. B. Carmichael, and Messrs. S. S. McMasters, and William Janvier.

On the Rights of Clergymen to Seats.—The Rev. M. Lewin, D. D., the Rev. E. F. Dashiell, the Rev. Wm. Fulton.

The Committee on the Rights of Clergymen to Seats, reported the names of the following clergymen as entitled to seats in the Primary Convention.

The Rev. Messrs. Jas. A. McKenney, D. D., Orlando Hutton, John Crosdale, Theo. P. Barber, S. K. Stewart, E. F. Dashiell, R. H. B. Mitchell, Meyer Lewin, D. D., George F. Beaven, E. H. C. Goodwin, G. W. E. Fisse, J. N. Wattson, J. O. Barton, William Fulton, A. S. Smith, L. W. Jackson, Sam'l D. Hall, Jas. T. Hutcheson, Jas. A. Mitchell, and Chas. H. Sheild.

The Committee on Elections reported the names of the following lay delegates, as entitled to seats in the Primary Convention :

J. L. Adkins, M. D., J. S. Atkinson, Geo. Biddle, John Brown, John B. Brown, Richard B. Carmichael, C. A. Curtis, Carey B. Gamble, M. D., George R. Goldsborough, Thos. S. Haddaway, J. A. Higgins, E. E. Holloway, Thos. Hughlett, William Janvier, C. H. B. Massey, S. S. McMaster, W. E. G. Newnam, Geo. W. T. Perkins, J. B. Purnell, M. D., L. M. Ricaud, Wm. S. Ridgely, Wm. B. Robbins, Tench Tilghman, Wm. K. Travers, Wm. Waller, and Edwin T. Wroth.

The Committee further report, that Dr. A. B. Mitchell and Dr. R. C. Mackall, present certificates as lay delegates from Trinity Church, Elkton. Their case is left to the action of the Convention.

A quorum of both orders having been declared to be present, the Chair announced the first business in order, to be the election of a President.

The Rev. Jas. A. McKenney, D. D., and the Rev. John Crosdale were nominated.

The Rev. Messrs. Wattson and Jackson were appointed tellers on the part of the clergy, and Messrs. Hughlett and Waller on the part of the laity.

The tellers having reported that the Rev. John Crosdale had received a majority of the votes cast, of both orders, he was declared President of the Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Crosdale then took the Chair, and after a brief address, stated that the next business in order was the election of a Secretary. The Rev. Messrs. Barton, Bryan, and Wilson, and Gen'l Tench Tilghman, were nominated.

The Chair named the Rev. Messrs. Wattson and Jas. Mitchell tellers on the part of the clergy, and Messrs. Hughlett and Waller on the part of the laity.

The tellers reported that the Rev. Jas. L. Bryan had received a majority of the votes cast, of both orders, and he was declared duly elected Secretary of the Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Barber moved that the name of the Rev. Jas. L. Bryan be added to the list of clerical members, and that he be admitted to a seat and vote in this Convention.

On motion of Wm. K. Travers, Esq., the Convention adjourned to meet at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY, *Nov.* 19, 1868.

THE Convention met at 5 o'clock. Evening prayer was said by the Rev. Messrs. Wattson and Jackson. The Chair appointed Mr. Wm. S. Walker, Assistant Secretary. The Rev. Mr. Hutton offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Chair to prepare resolutions expressive of the sense of this Convention of the great loss which the Church at large, and the Church on the Eastern Shore in particular, has sustained by the death of the Rev. Henry M. Mason, D. D.

The Chair named the Rev. Dr. McKenney, the Rev. Theo. P. Barber, and the Rev. E. F. Dashiell, as said Committee.

The Rev. Mr. Barber moved that all clergymen present not entitled to seats, and candidates for orders, be admitted to the sittings of the Convention. Adopted.

The Chair announced the business in order, to be the resolution offered by the Rev. Mr. Barber this morning, and that Mr. Barber was entitled to the floor.

On taking the vote, the Rev. Jas. L. Bryan was declared entitled to a seat and vote in this Convention.

The Rev. E. F. Dashiell moved that the Rev. W. D. Mitchell be declared entitled to a seat and vote in this Convention. Carried.

The Rev. Mr. Dashiell moved that the Rev. Lucien C. Lance be admitted to a seat and vote in this Convention. Carried.

The names of the Rev. Mr. Bryan, the Rev. Mr. Mitchell, and the Rev. Mr. Lance, were then called by the Secretary.

The names of Mr. Clement Sulivane, lay delegate from Great Choptank Parish, and Dr. A. B. Mitchell, and Dr. R. C. Mackall, lay delegates from Trinity Church, Elkton, were then called by the Secretary.

The Rev. Mr. Dashiell moved that a Committee of three be appointed by the Chair to prepare Rules of Order for this Convention, to report as early as possible. Carried.

The Chair named the Rev. E. F. Dashiell, the Rev. Dr. Lewin, and the Hon. R. B. Carmichael, as said Committee.

The Rev. Mr. Barber moved that the Convention now proceed to consider the name of the new Diocese. Carried.

The Rev. Dr. Lewin offered the following:

WHEREAS, The General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America ratified the action of the Convention of the Diocese of Maryland, erecting a new Diocese, constituted of "all that portion of the State of Maryland known and designated as the Eastern Shore of Maryland, being all that part of said State lying east of the Chesapeake Bay and the Susquehanna River, embracing the counties of Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne, Caroline, Talbot, Dorchester, Wicomico, Somerset, and Worcester"; and,

WHEREAS, Under the provision of Section 1, Canon 6, Title III, of the Di-

gest, the Rt. Rev. William Rollinson Whittingham, D. D., LL. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Maryland, within the limits of which the aforesaid Diocese is formed, called a Convention of the Clergy and Laity of the portion of the Diocese of Maryland erected into a new Diocese, to meet in Christ Church, Easton, Talbot Co., on Thursday, the nineteenth day of November; therefore,

Resolved, By the Clergy and Laity in Convention assembled, this nineteenth day of November, in pursuance of the above call, the Diocese being now organized by the election of a President and Secretary of the Convention, that, (with the concurrence of the Bishop and Standing Committee of the Diocese of Maryland,) the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese be known under the name and style of the Diocese of Easton.

The Rev. Mr. Barton moved the substitution of the name "Princess Anne" for Easton, and in connection read the following communication to the Convention :

SOMERSET PARISH, SOMERSET COUNTY, *to wit* :

At a meeting of the Vestry of Somerset Parish, Somerset County, held in Princess Anne, on the ninth day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, it was unanimously "Ordered, that the Rector and Delegate from this Parish be authorized and requested to offer on behalf of this Parish, St. Andrew's Church, Princess Anne, as the Cathedral Church of the Diocese, and to request the acceptance, by the Diocese, of a suitable House and Lot in Princess Anne for the residence of the Bishop, to be purchased and presented to the Diocese by this Parish."

Test :

LEVIN WOLFORD, *Reg. Vestry*, Somerset Parish, Somerset Co.

Attest :

JOHN O. BARTON, *Rector*, Somerset Parish.

The Committee on Rules of Order, general consent being given, reported as follows :

The Committee recommend the adoption of the Rules of Order of the Diocese of Maryland, with the following changes :

Rule 6th, strike out "shall," in the second line, and insert "may."

Rule 7th, in line 6th, strike out "three clergymen and two laymen," and insert "two clergymen and one layman." In same Rule, line 8th, strike out "three clergymen and two laymen," and insert "two clergymen and one layman."

Rule 16th, strike out "for the previous question," and insert "to postpone indefinitely."

Strike out 21st and 23rd rules.

Mark 22nd Rule as 21st, and 24th Rule as 22nd.

On motion the report was adopted.

The Chair announced the following committees, required by the Rules of Order :

On Accounts.—Thos. Hughlett, Dr. J. B. Purnell, Wm. B. Robins.

Parochial Contributions.—Geo. Goldsborough, S. S. McMasters, Dr. Adkins.

On the Constitution and Canons.—The Rev. Mr. Barber, the Rev. Dr. Lewin, and the Hon. R. B. Carmichael.

On the State of the Church.—The Rev. Dr. McKenney, the Rev. Mr. Barton, the Rev. Mr. Smith, Gen'l Tilghman, and John B. Brown.

On New Parishes and Congregations.—The Rev. Mr. Wattson, the Rev. Mr. Beaven, and Dr. Carey B. Gamble.

The Rev. Mr. Barton moved that a Special Committee of three laymen be appointed by the Chair to assess the amounts to be paid by the different Parishes, to defray the annual expenses of the Convention. Carried.

The Chair announced Dr. J. L. Adkins, Mr. Wm. E. G. Newnam, and Mr. George R. Goldsborough, as said Committee.

On returning to the order of proceedings, the amendment offered by the Rev. Mr. Barton to the Rev. Dr. Lewin's resolution, fixing the name of the Diocese, was lost; and the Rev. Dr. Lewin's resolution was then carried unanimously, and Easton declared to be the name of the new Diocese.

The Rev. Mr. Barton moved that the Convention proceed to the election of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, but yielded the floor to the Rev. Mr. Hutton, who moved "That the Constitution of the Diocese of Maryland be referred to a committee of five, consisting of three clergymen and two laymen, to report such alterations as may be necessary to adapt it to the Diocese of Easton, and that said Committee report to-morrow morning." Carried.

The Chair named as said Committee the Rev. O. Hutton, the Rev. Dr. Lewin, the Rev. Mr. Barber, the Hon. R. B. Carmichael, and Gen'l T. Tilghman.

The Rev. Mr. Barton's resolution was then carried, and the Convention proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee.

The following clergymen were nominated:

The Rev. James A. McKenney, D. D., the Rev. John Crosdale,

the Rev. Theo. P. Barber, the Rev. O. Hutton, the Rev. E. H. C. Goodwin, the Rev. E. F. Dashiell, the Rev. A. S. Smith, the Rev. J. O. Barton, and the Rev. Dr. M. Lewin.

The Chair named as tellers on the part of the clergy, the Rev. Mr. Barton, and the Rev. Mr. Smith ; and on the part of the laity, Mr. Waller, and Mr. McMasters.

The Rev. Dr. Lewin moved that a Committee of three laymen be appointed by the Chair to examine the laws of the State affecting the Church, to report to this Convention. Carried.

The Chair announced Judge R. B. Carmichael, Col. Hambleton, and Lloyd Tilghman Esq., said Committee.

The Rev. Dr. Lewin moved that the House now proceed to the election of Treasurer of the Convention. Carried.

Mr. Thos. Hughlett, Capt. Hardcastle, and Mr. Wm. S. Walker were nominated.

The ballot being dispensed with, Mr. Thos. Hughlett was elected Treasurer of the Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Lewin moved that the Convention proceed to the election of Trustees of the Episcopal Fund. Carried.

The Rev. Dr. McKenney moved that a Committee of two be appointed by the Chair, to recommend suitable persons as Trustees of the Episcopal Fund. Carried.

The Chair announced Mr. Thos. Hughlett, and Dr. Carey B. Gamble, said Committee.

The tellers on the vote for members of the Standing Committee reported,

That the Rev. John Crosdale, the Rev. O. Hutton, the Rev. Theo. P. Barber, the Rev. E. F. Dashiell, the Rev. Jas. A. McKenney, D. D., and the Rev. Meyer Lewin, D. D., had each received a majority of the votes cast, with a tie vote between Messrs. Smith and Goodwin ; whereupon, the Rev. Mr. Crosdale, the Rev. Mr. Hutton, the Rev. Mr. Barber, the Rev. Mr. Dashiell, the Rev. Dr. McKenney, and the Rev. Dr. Lewin, were declared duly elected, with one vacancy to be filled.

After two other ballots, the Rev. E. H. C. Goodwin received a majority of the votes cast, and was declared duly elected a member of the Standing Committee.

The Committee to recommend suitable persons as Trustees of

the Episcopal Fund, named the following gentlemen : J. L. Adkins, M. D., E. L. F. Hardcastle, George R. Goldsborough, Wm. P. Walker, Geo. B. Westcott, and H. H. Dashiell.

The nominations were confirmed by the Convention.

On motion of Dr. Ricaud, the Convention adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, *Nov. 20th*, 1868.

The Convention assembled at 10 o'clock. Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Messrs. Fulton, Dashiell, and Crossdale.

There being a quorum present of both orders, the calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

The following communications from the Rt. Rev. Wm. Rollinson Whittingham, D D., LL.D., Bishop of Maryland, and from the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Maryland, were then read before the Convention by the Chair, and by the Rev. Dr. Jas. A. McKenney, respectively :

WHEREAS, By the action of the General Convention of 1868, erecting a new Diocese out of the counties on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, the name of such new Diocese is to be fixed by its Primary Convention, with the consent of the Bishop and Standing Committee of the undivided Diocese ;

This is to certify that in case of the choice of the name "Diocese of Easton," by said Primary Convention, we, William Rollinson Whittingham, Bishop of Maryland, have consented, and hereby do consent, to the adoption of the aforesaid name "Diocese of Easton," as the style and title of the new Diocese aforesaid.

WILLIAM ROLLINSON WHITTINGHAM,

Bishop of Maryland.

BALTIMORE, November 17th, 1868.

TO THE CONVENTION OF CLERGY AND LAITY OF THE COUNTIES ON THE EASTERN SHORE OF MARYLAND, SET OFF BY THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF 1868, FOR ERECTION INTO A NEW DIOCESE.

Reverend and Dear Brethren :

In fulfilment of the letter of the law of the Church, it becomes my duty to signify to you the election which my condition of physical disablement for duty among you has but too long made a matter of necessity, and to say that, whatever might be my personal preferences, in other circumstances, I have no choice but to remain in the Diocese in which my residence has been all along. May the Great Bishop of Souls bless your present assemblage to the provision of one in every way more competent to render those services which have hitherto been so imperfectly performed by

Your truly loving friend and pastor,

WILLIAM ROLLINSON WHITTINGHAM.

BALTIMORE, November 17th, 1868.

From the Standing Committee :

WHEREAS, The General Convention has given to the new See to be erected on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, the power to choose the name of said See, with the concurrence of the Bishop and Standing Committee of the Diocese of Maryland;

AND WHEREAS, Delay in expressing their concurrence would subject the new Diocese to inconvenience; therefore

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. McKenney be and hereby is authorized to express the concurrence of the Standing Committee of Maryland in the name chosen by the Primary Convention of the New Diocese.

NOVEMBER 17th, 1868.

The Rev. Dr. McKenney expressed his concurrence in the name selected.

The Rev. Dr. M. Lewin moved that a Committee of three clergymen and two laymen be appointed by the Chair to express the feelings of the Convention of the Diocese of Easton, on the separation, now formally completed, between the Diocese of Easton, and the Bishop and Diocese of Maryland. Carried.

The Chair named the Rev. Dr. M. Lewin, the Rev. A. S. Smith, the Rev. E. F. Dashiell, Mr. S. S. McMaster, and George W. T. Perkins, as said Committee.

The Rev. Mr. Barton moved that the report of the Agent to make collections for an Episcopal Fund be now read.

The Rev. Dr. M. Lewin moved its postponement until after the election of a Bishop. Carried.

The Rev. Mr. Barber moved that the Convention proceed to the election of a Bishop of this Diocese. Carried.

The Rev. Dr. M. Lewin nominated the Rev. Wm. Pinkney, D. D., Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Washington City, D. C., as a fit person to fill the office of Bishop of this Diocese.

The Rev. Mr. Barber nominated the Rt. Rev. Henry Champlin Lay, D. D., LL. D., D. C. L., Oxon., Missionary Bishop of Arkansas, as a fit person to fill the office of Bishop of this Diocese.

The Chair named as tellers of the clerical vote, the Rev. Messrs. Barton and Fulton.

After the Convention had passed some time in silent prayer, the clergy cast their votes, with the following result :

Whole number of votes, 20 ;
Necessary to a choice, 14 ;

of which the Rt. Rev. H. C. Lay received, 12 ; the Rev. Dr. Wm. Pinkney, 7 ; and the Rev. H. N. Pierce, D. D., 1.

There being no nomination, the clergy proceeded to a second ballot :

Whole number of votes, 20 ;
Necessary to a choice, 14 ;

of which the Rt. Rev. H. C. Lay received, 12 ; and the Rev. Dr. Wm. Pinkney, 8.

There being no nomination on this ballot, the clergy proceeded to a third ballot :

Whole number of votes, 20 ;
Necessary to a choice, 14 ;

of which the Rt. Rev. H. C. Lay received, 13 ; and the Rev. Dr. Wm. Pinkney, 7.

There still being no nomination, the clergy balloted for the fourth time, with the following result :

Whole number of votes, 20 ;
Necessary to a choice, 14 ;

of which the Rt. Rev. H. C. Lay received, 14 ; and the Rev. Dr. Wm. Pinkney, 6.

Whereupon, the Chair announced that the Rt. Rev. H. C. Lay was duly nominated and appointed by the order of the clergy for the office of Bishop of the Diocese of Easton.

The Committee to prepare resolutions expressive of the sense of this Convention, of the loss sustained by the Church by the death of the Rev. Henry M. Mason, D. D., reported, through the Rev. Mr. Barber, as follows :

The Committee appointed to prepare resolutions expressive of the feelings of the Convention, regarding the lamented decease of the Rev. Henry M. Mason, D. D., respectfully report the following :

WHEREAS, The Primary Convention of the Diocese is assembled in the Church which, with its Rectory, is the enduring monument of our brother beloved, the late Rev. Henry M. Mason, D. D.

Resolved, That this Convention desire to place on record their high appreciation of the great and varied learning, the devoted zeal and true-hearted affection of their brother, now called to his rest.

Resolved further, That we will ever cherish in our memory the bright illustration of childlike faith, manly consistency, and resolute adherence to Catholic truth and order, which his ministry, his writings, and his whole life, so signally disclosed.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the vestry of St. Peter's Parish, and to the family of the deceased, and that they be published in the Church papers.

JAMES A. MCKENNEY,
THEO. P. BARBER,
ERASTUS F. DASHIELL, *Committee.*

The resolutions were adopted by a rising vote.

The name of the Rt. Rev. Henry C. Lay, Missionary Bishop of Arkansas, having been presented to the laity by the clergy as a fit person to fill the office of Bishop of this Diocese, the Chair named as tellers on the part of the laity, Messrs. Waller and Atkinson, and the laity voted as follows :

Whole number of votes, 28 ;

Necessary to a choice, 19 ;

of which 17 were for approval, and 11 were for disapproval.

The nomination of the Rt. Rev. H. C. Lay by the clergy thus failed to receive the approval of the laity.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. McKenney, the Convention adjourned to meet at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

FRIDAY, *Nov. 20th*, 1868.

The Convention assembled at 5 o'clock.

The Rev. Dr. Lewin moved that an additional member of the Board of Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be added to the number already elected. Carried.

The Hon. R. B. Carmichael was nominated and, the ballot being dispensed with, was thereupon elected.

The Committee to recommend a Constitution for the Diocese of Easton, reported through their Chairman, the Rev. Mr. Hutton, the Constitution of the Diocese of Maryland, with the simple change of the word "Diocese" for "State," wherever such change is necessary to adapt the said Constitution to the Diocese of Easton; together with the substitution of "second Wednesday in June," as the time for the assembling of the Annual Convention; which recommendations were approved by the Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Hutton then moved that any further changes be referred to the Committee on the Constitution and Canons, to report at the next meeting of the Convention.

Gen'l Tench Tilghman offered a minority report, and moved that it be laid on the table until after the election of a Bishop.

The laity not having approved the nomination of the Rt. Rev. H. C. Lay, as Bishop of this Diocese, the clergy proceeded again to an election. The Rev. Dr. Lewin nominated the Rev. Dr. Wm. Pinkney, and the Rev. Theo. P. Barber nominated the Rt. Rev. Henry C. Lay.

The Chair named the Rev. J. O. Barton and the Rev. Wm. Fulton as tellers on the part of the clergy.

The tellers reported as follows:

Whole number of votes, 20;

Necessary to a choice, 14;

of which the Rt. Rev. H. C. Lay received, 14; and the Rev. Dr. Pinkney, 6.

The name of the Rt. Rev. Henry C. Lay, Missionary Bishop of

Arkansas, was thus again presented to the laity by the clergy as a fit person to fill the office of Bishop of this Diocese.

The Chair named as tellers on the part of the laity, Messrs. Waller and Atkinson.

The laity having voted, the tellers reported as follows :

Whole number of votes, 28 ;

Necessary to a choice, 19 ;

of which 20 were for approval, and 8 were for disapproval.

Whereupon, the President announced that the nomination and appointment by the clergy had been approved by the laity.

The majority and minority reports on the Constitution were then called up, and, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Lewin, were referred to the Committee on the Constitution and Canons, to report at the next meeting of the Convention.

The Committee on Separation from the Bishop and Diocese of Maryland were granted permission to prepare resolutions, and furnish a copy of the same to the Secretary, to be published with the Journal of the Convention.

Subsequent to the adjournment of the Convention, the following report was forwarded to the Secretary by the Chairman, the Rev. M. Lewin, D. D. :

The Committee, to whom was assigned the duty to express the feelings of the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Easton, at the separation from the Rt. Rev. the Bishop and the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Maryland, beg leave to record upon the pages of the Journal of the Primary Convention of the newly organized Diocese, that, though in the providence of God, and by the concurrent action of the Bishop and Convention of the Diocese of Maryland, ratified by the Church in General Convention, they have now organized themselves as a distinct and independent Diocese, they will ever gratefully acknowledge that they owe, under God, to the fostering care of the mother Diocese, and to the faithful self-sacrificing labors of him who has been their chief pastor for the period of twenty-eight years, their ability now to stand alone and to carry on the Church's work as an independent member in the family of Dioceses.

Nor can we ever forget the readiness and unanimity with which, without waiting to be asked, the Convention of the Diocese of Maryland acceded to the disinterested recommendation of its Bishop to give to the new Diocese its proportionate share in the Episcopal Fund — a noble action — which we now thankfully record, with the sincere prayer that God would reward both Bishop and Diocese with the richest supplies of all temporal and spiritual blessings.

And now, in taking our leave of our Right Rev. Father in God, our much

beloved and ever revered Bishop, and of our beloved brethren, the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Maryland, with whom it has been our privilege to be united in common work for Christ and His Church; we would indulge the hope, and express the earnest wish, that the pain of separation may be alleviated in some way, by which, as far as is consistent with our independent organization, we may still be united in common counsel and action, for the good of the Church in our respective Dioceses, in all matters of common interest.

Resolved, That a copy of the above minute, duly attested by the President and Secretary of this Convention, be transmitted to the Right Rev. William Rolinson Whittingham, D. D., LL.D. Bishop of the Diocese of Maryland, soliciting his blessing; and to the Secretary of the Convention of the Diocese of Maryland, to be laid before the next Convention, asking the prayers of the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Maryland for the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Easton.

MEYER LEWIN, *Chairman*.

The report of the Rev. E. F. Dashiell, agent to make collections for an Episcopal fund for the Diocese of Easton, was then read, as follows:

The agent, appointed by the Convention of the clergy and laity of the nine counties of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, held in Chestertown, in November, 1867, to take up subscriptions to form a permanent fund for the support of the Episcopate in the proposed new Diocese of Easton, reports that he has canvassed the following counties and obtained pledges to the amounts underwritten:

Caroline County	\$ 200 00
Dorchester County	3,040 00
Kent	7,515 00
Queen Anne	3,575 00
Queen Anne and Talbot	1,600 00
Talbot	11,610 00
Somerset	4,195 00
Worcester	1,680 00
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	\$33,415 00
Legacy from Kent Island	800 00
Portion of the old fund	7,630 00
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	\$41,845 00

Wicomico, Cecil, and part of Worcester, yet to canvass. All which is respectfully submitted.

ERASTUS F. DASHIELL, *Agent*.

The Rev. Mr. Barber offered the following:

Resolved, That this Convention gratefully recognizes the unwearied diligence and pre-eminent success with which their chosen Agent, the Rev. Mr. Dashiell, has fulfilled the laborious task of obtaining subscriptions to the Episcopal Fund of the Diocese, and that he be requested to continue his labors.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Convention is hereby authorized and requested to reimburse the Rev. Mr. Dashiell the amount expended in this agency.

Carried unanimously.

The Rev. Mr. Fisse moved that the Bishop's salary be fixed at twenty-five hundred dollars. Carried.

The Rev. Mr. Hutton moved that the President of this Convention be requested to inform the Rt. Rev. Henry C. Lay, D. D., of his election to the Episcopate of this Diocese. Carried.

The Rev. Mr. Hutton moved that when the Convention adjourn, it adjourn to meet in Christ Church, Easton, at its next annual session. Carried.

The Rev. Dr. Lewin moved that a Committee of three clergymen and two laymen be appointed to meet the next Convention of the Diocese of Maryland, to confer with any Committee that may be appointed by that body, to consider matters of common interest. Carried.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Dr. Lewin, the Rev. Messrs. Dashiell and Hutton, Dr. Adkins, and the Hon. R. B. Carmichael.

The Rev. Dr. Lewin moved that the Committee to examine the laws of the State be continued, to report at the next session of the Convention. Carried.

The Rev. Dr. Lewin moved the repeal of Canon 8th, Canon of 1853, and Canon of 1856, found in the compilation containing the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Maryland, on pages 11, 21 and 23. Carried.

The Rev. Dr. Lewin moved that 500 copies of the Journal be published, and that the Standing Committee be authorized to make an assessment on the Parishes to meet the expenses of the publication. Carried.

The Rev. Mr. Barber moved, "That this Convention present their cordial thanks to the Rector and Vestry of St. Peter's Parish, for the use of the Church during their sessions, and for the ample arrangements made for their convenience." Carried.

The Rev. Mr. Barber offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Convention heartily and gratefully acknowledge the courteous reception and noble hospitality which their Brethren and the Citizens of Easton have extended to them on this occasion.

Adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Barber moved that the Treasurer pay the Sexton of Christ Church, Easton, ten dollars. Carried.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Hutton, the thanks of the Convention were given to the President and Secretary.

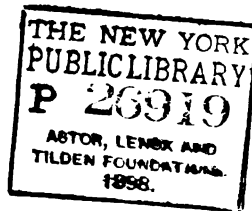
The Rev. Dr. Lewin moved that after suitable religious services, the Convention adjourn *sine die*. Carried.

The *Gloria in Excelsis* was sung, and appropriate Prayers were then offered and the Blessing of Peace was pronounced by the President,

Whereupon, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

Attest :

JAS. L. BRYAN, *Secretary*.



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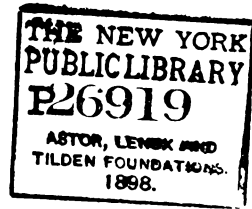
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. Those whose names are in *italics*, were declared not entitled to seats in Convention, and those marked with a * did not attend its sessions.

The Right Rev. HENRY C. LAY, D. D., LL. D., Bishop.

The Rev. THEODORE P. BARBER, Rector of Great Choptank Parish, Dorchester Co.

- " " JOHN O. BARTON, B. D., Rector of Somerset Parish, Somerset Co.
- " " GEORGE F. BRAVEN, Rector of St. John's Parish, Caroline Co.
- " " **Thomas F. Billopp*, Rector of North Sassafras Parish, Cecil Co.
- " " JAMES L. BRYAN, M. D., Deacon, Assistant Minister of Great Choptank Parish,
Dorchester Co.
- " " JOHN CROSDALE, Rector of Pocomoke Parish, Somerset and Worcester Counties.
- " " ERASTUS F. DASHIELL, Rector of St. Michael's Parish, Talbot Co.
- " " *WILLIAM FULTON, Rector of All Hallows' Parish, Worcester Co.
- " " EDWARD H. C. GOODWIN, Rector of Chester Parish, Kent Co.
- " " **Thomas L. Green*, residing near Church Hill.
- " " SAMUEL D. HALL.
- " " JAMES T. HUTCHESON, Rector of Shrewsbury Parish, Kent Co.
- " " ORLANDO HUTTON, Rector of St. Peter's Parish, Talbot Co.
- " " *LEWIS H. JACKSON, Rector of St. Mary Anne's Parish, Cecil Co.
- " " LUCIEN C. LANCE, Rector of Wye Parish, Queen Anne and Talbot Counties.
- " " MEYER LEWIN, D. D., Rector of Spring Hill Parish, Somerset Co.
- " " JAMES A. MCKENNEY, D. D., Rector of East New Market Parish, Dorchester Co.
- " " JAMES A. MITCHELL, Rector of Whitmarsh Parish, Talbot Co.
- " " W. DOANE MITCHELL, Deacon, Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, Elkton, and
officiating in Augustine Parish, Cecil Co.

The Rev. **Greenbury W. Ridgely*, residing in Caroline Co.

" " ARISTIDES S. SMITH, Rector of St. Paul's Parish, Queen Anne's Co.

" " **John A. Thompson*, residing on Kent Island.

" " JOSEPH N. WATTSON, Rector of Christ Church Parish, Kent Island, Queen Anne's
County.

" " ROBERT WILSON, Rector of St. Paul's Parish, Kent Co.

In all: 22 Priests and 2 Deacons=24.

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LIST

OF PARISHES AND CONGREGATIONS IN THE DIOCESE OF
EASTON, WITH THE CLERGY OF THE SAME;

AND

OF LAY DELEGATES TO THE FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Lay Delegates marked with a * did not attend.

CAROLINE COUNTY.

Lay Delegates.

St. John's Parish; St. Paul's Church, Hillsborough.
the Rev. George F. Beaven, Rector. A. J. Gadd.
St. Mary's Whitechapel Parish.

CECIL COUNTY.

Augustine Parish; St. Augustine Church.
the Rev. W. D. Mitchell, Deacon, officiating.
St. Mary Anne's Parish; St. Mary Anne's Church, North East.
the Rev. L. H. Jackson, Rector. Saml. L. L. Chamberlaine.
St. Mark's Chapel, Perryville.
North Sassafras Parish; St. Stephen's Church.
the Rev. Thomas F. Billopp, Rector. A. J. Pennington.
Trinity Church, Elkton.
the Rev. W. D. Mitchell, Deacon, Ass't Min'r. R. C. Mackall, M. D.

DORCHESTER COUNTY.

Dorchester Parish; Trinity Church, Church Creek.
Trinity Chapel, Taylor's Island. *Geo. W. Jefferson.
East New Market Parish; St. Stephen's Church,
East New Market.
the Rev. Jas. A. McKenney, D. D., Rector. Thos. B. Sherman.
Great Choptank Parish; Christ Church, Cambridge.
St. John's Chapel, Castle Haven Neck.
the Rev. Theo. P. Barber, Rector. Danl. M. Henry.
" " J. L. Bryan, M. D., Deacon, Ass't Min. Wm. R. Hayward, M. D.
Vienna Parish; St. Paul's Church, Vienna.
the Rev. Theo. P. Barber, Rector. Jas. A. Higgins,

Diocesan Convention of Easton.

KENT COUNTY.

Lay Delegates.

Chester Parish ; St. Paul's Church, Chestertown.
 the Rev. E. H. C. Goodwin, Rector. Wm. S. Walker.
 I. U. Parish ; St. Peter's Church. Saml. Beck.
 North Kent Parish ; St. Clement's Church, Massey's X Roads.

St. Paul's Parish ; St. Paul's Church.
 the Rev. Robt. Wilson, Rector. Horatio Beck.
 Shrewsbury Parish ; Shrewsbury Church.
 the Rev. J. T. Hutcheson, Rector.

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY.

Christ Church Parish ; Christ Church, Kent Island.
 the Rev. J. N. Wattson, Rector. W. E. G. Newnam.
 St. Luke's Parish ; St. Luke's Church, Church Hill. Wm. Gould.
 St. Paul's Parish ; St. Paul's Church, Centreville.
 the Rev. A. S. Smith, Rector. Jas. T. Earle.

QUEEN ANNE'S AND TALBOT COUNTIES.

Wye Parish ; St. Luke's Church, Queenstown.
 St. Luke's Chapel, Wye.
 the Rev. Lucien C. Lance, Rector. Richard B. Carmichael.

SOMERSET COUNTY.

Coventry Parish ; Rehoboth Church, Rehoboth.
 St. Paul's Annamessex.
 St. Mark's Chapel, Kingston.
 St. Stephen's Church, Potato Neck.

Somerset Parish ; All Saint's Church, Monie.
 St. Andrew's Church, Princess Anne.
 the Rev. J. O. Barton, Rector. Wm. H. Gale, M. D.
 Wicomico Parish ; Grace Church.

SOMERSET AND WORCESTER COUNTIES.

Pocomoke Parish ; St. Mary's Church, Newtown.
 the Rev. John Crosdale, Rector. S. S. McMaster.

TALBOT COUNTY.

St. Michael's Parish ; St. Michael's Church, St. Michael's.
 St. John's Church, Miles River Ferry.
 St. Paul's Chapel, Royal Oak.
 the Rev. Erastus F. Dashiell, Rector. Geo. R. Goldsborough.

St. Peter's Parish ; Christ Church, Easton.
 the Rev. Orlando Hutton, Rector. J. L. Adkins, M. D.
 Church of the Holy Trinity, Oxford. Tench Tilghman.

List of Parishes.

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Whitemarsh Parish ; St. Peter's Church, Trappe.
the Rev. Jas. A. Mitchell, Rector.

Lay Delegates.

Alex. H. Barnett.

WICOMICO COUNTY.

St. Matthew's Parish ; St. Matthew's Church.
Spring Hill Parish ; St. Paul's Church.

St. Peter's Chapel, Salisbury.

St. Philip's Chapel, Quantico.

the Rev. Meyer Lewin, D. D., Rector.

Thos. F. J. Rider.

Stepney Parish ; Stepney Church, Green Hill.

St. Mary's Chapel, Tyaskin.

WORCESTER COUNTY.

All Hallows' Parish ; All Hallows' Church, Snow Hill.

St. John's Church, Traptown.

Chapel of the Holy Cross, Sandy Hill.

the Rev. William Fulton, Rector.

Jas. B. R. Purnell, M. D.

Worcester Parish ; St. Paul's Church, Berlin.

St. Martin's Church, St. Martin's. Jno. R. Purnell.

In all : 32 Incorporated Parishes and Congregations, (represented at the First Annual Convention by 24 Lay Delegates,) and 17 Chapels.

**OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES OF THE FIRST
ANNUAL CONVENTION.**

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Committee on the State of the Church:

the Rev. Jas. A. McKenney, D. D., the Rev. Jno. O. Barton, the Rev.
A. S. Smith, Tench Tilghman, Wm. S. Walker.

*Diocesan Convention of Easton.**On Constitution and Canons:*

the Rev. Theo. P. Barber, the Rev. Meyer Lewin, D. D., Richard B. Carmichael.

Committee to examine the Laws of the State affecting the Church:

Rich'd B. Carmichael, Sam'l Hambleton, Lloyd Tilghman.

Committee on Church Property in Caroline County:

Jas. T. Earle, Geo. R. Goldsborough, and D. M. Henry.

Committee on Federate Union with the Diocese of Maryland:

the Rev. M. Lewin, D. D., the Rev. E. F. Dashiell, the Rev. O. Hutton, J. L. Adkins, M. D., R. B. Carmichael.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with prayer.
2. This Convention shall sit for the despatch of business, beginning with Divine service at 9 o'clock, A. M., and at 5 o'clock, P. M., on each day of the session.
3. At the opening of the session, the Convention shall be called to order by the Bishop; or, if there be no Bishop, or he be absent, by the President of the Standing Committee or by some member of that body, appointed by those of its members who may be present.
4. The names of the Clergymen who were entitled to seats in the last Convention, shall then be called over by the Secretary of that Convention; or, in his absence, by some person appointed by the Bishop or other person who called the Convention to order. The Lay Delegates shall then lay their certificates upon the table and subscribe the Declaration required by the Constitution. If a quorum of both orders appear, the Bishop, if present, shall announce the fact, and declare that the Convention is organized and ready for business.
5. In case of the absence of the Bishop or of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the person who called the Convention to order, shall announce that there is a quorum present. The Convention shall then proceed to elect a President, according to the seventh article of the Constitution; who shall, so soon as his election is completed, take the chair and declare that the Convention is organized and ready for business.
6. The first business after that declaration is made, either by the Bishop or the President, shall be the election of a Secretary. The Chair may then appoint an Assistant Secretary and the Committees mentioned in the next rule.
7. The following Committees shall be appointed by the Chair: one on Elections, to consist of three laymen, to whom the testimonials of the Lay Delegates shall be referred; one on Accounts, to consist of three laymen; one on Parochial Contributions, to consist of three laymen; one on the Admission of New Parishes and Churches into union with this Convention, to consist of two clergymen and one layman; one on the Rights of Clergymen to seats in this Convention, to consist of three Clergymen; and one of Canons and other business, to consist of two clergymen and one layman. The Chair shall also appoint all other Committees for the appointment of which no other provision is made, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.
8. Every member shall take his seat when the President takes the chair, and remain uncovered until he shall have left the Convention.
9. Every member who shall speak in any debate, shall stand up in his place and respectfully address himself to the President.
10. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the President shall decide who shall speak first.
11. No member shall speak more than twice in any debate without leave. If any member shall rise to speak more than twice on the same question without leave, the President shall call him to order. No member shall be interrupted while he is speaking in order.

12. Any member who is speaking shall take his seat when called to order by the President or any other member.

13. No member shall speak to another so as to interrupt any member who may be speaking in debate.

14. No motion shall be debated until the same be seconded, and, if desired by any member, reduced to writing and read by the Secretary.

15. When a motion is made and seconded, the matter of the motion shall receive a determination by the question, before any motion not privileged shall be received.

16. Privileged motions, in their order of precedence, shall be to adjourn, to postpone indefinitely, to lay on the table, to amend, and to offer a substitute : the question on the first three to be taken without debate.

17. If a question contain more parts than one, any member may have the same divided into as many questions as there are parts.

18. All questions of Order shall be decided by the President ; but there shall be a right of appeal to the Convention.

19. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention ; and shall not be again drawn into debate during the session, except with the consent of two-thirds of the Convention.

20. No question shall be taken on any Report, unless upon a motion to print or re-commit it ; but Reports shall, as of course, lie upon the table. If a Committee deem any action of the Convention desirable, it shall be their duty to present in writing such Resolutions, Acts, or Canons, as they may think it should adopt ; which only shall be subject to the action of the Convention. Every act which divides a Parish or in any way affects Parish Boundaries, shall distinctly set out the new boundaries which it is intended to establish. The Convention will not act upon any proposed Resolution, Act, or Canon, which is not conformed to the provisions of this rule.

21. All Elections shall be by ballot, unless otherwise ordered ; the votes of the clergy and laity shall be received and counted separately ; but the vote shall be regarded as a joint one, and the election shall be decided by a majority of the whole number of votes taken together, unless a vote by Orders shall have been required agreeably to the fourth article of the Constitution.

22. The foregoing Rules of Order shall be deemed and considered the Rules of Order of all future Conventions, until altered or rescinded ; and the same shall be published in the Journal of each Convention.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

CHRIST CHURCH, EASTON,

May 26th, 1869.

THIS being the time and place appointed for the Annual meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of Easton, in the absence of the Bishop and of the members of the Standing Committee, the Rev. L. C. Lance took the chair.

Gen. Tench Tilghman, Lay Delegate from the Church of the Holy Trinity, Oxford, acted as Secretary *pro tem*.

It appearing that no quorum of either order was present, it was resolved, in pursuance of an informal arrangement previously made, that the Convention stand adjourned until Wednesday the 9th of June.

(Signed,)

L. C. LANCE, *President,*

T. TILGHMAN, *Sec. pro tem.*

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JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

The First Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church the Diocese of Easton, pursuant to adjournment, re-assembled in Christ Church, Easton, on Wednesday, the 9th day of June, 1869, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Jas. A. McKenney, D. D., assisted by the Rev. Mr. Crosdale and the Rev. Mr. Hutton. The Ante-Communion Service was said by the Rev. Mr. Barber, the Bishop taking the Holy Gospel.

The opening sermon was preached by the Bishop, from the ninth verse of the fourth chapter of the Second Book of Kings.

The Holy Communion was then celebrated by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Dr. McKenney, and the Rev. Messrs. Crosdale and Hutton.

Divine service concluded, the Right Rev. the President called the Convention to order.

The Rev. James L. Bryan, Secretary of the last Convention, proceeded to call the roll of Clergy entitled to seats at the last Convention, when the following answered to their names :

Rev. Messrs. McKenney,	Rev. Messrs. Wattson,
" " Hutton,	" " Barton,
" " Crosdale,	" " Smith,
" " Barber,	" " Mitchell, W. D.,
" " Dashiell,	" " Hall,
" " Beaven,	" " Hutcheson,
" " Bryan,	" " Mitchell, Jas. A.,
" " Goodwin,	" " Lance. — 16

The several Parishes and Congregations being called in order, the following gentlemen responded as Lay Delegates, viz :

Messrs. Adkins,	Messrs. Hayward,
“ Barnett,	“ Henry,
“ Beck, H.,	“ Mackall,
“ Carmichael,	“ Newnam,
“ Earle,	“ Pennington,
“ Gale,	“ Rider,
“ Goldsborough,	“ Sherman,
“ Gould,	“ Walker.

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A quorum of both orders having been ascertained to be present, the President announced the first business in order to be the election of a Secretary. The Rev. Dr. Lewin nominated the Rev. Jas. L. Bryan, and, the ballot dispensed with, the Rev. Mr. Bryan was re-elected Secretary.

The President appointed Dr. Wm. H. Gale Assistant Secretary.

The President then appointed the following Committees, and at the same time presented the List of Clergy canonically resident in the Diocese of Easton :

Committee of Elections — Messrs. Rich'd B. Carmichael, S. S. McMaster, and T. B. Sherman.

Committee on Rights of Clergymen to Seats — The Rev. Dr. Lewin, the Rev. Messrs. Dashiell and Hutcheson.

The Rev. Dr. McKenney offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That clergymen canonically connected with the Diocese of Easton, who are not members of Convention, be, and are hereby invited to honorary seats in this body.

The resolution being seconded, was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. McKenney then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That visiting clergymen and candidates for orders from other Dioceses, and candidates for orders in this Diocese, be, and are hereby invited to attend the sittings of the Convention.

The resolution being seconded, was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Lewin, from the Committee on Rights of Clergymen to Seats, reported the following list of Clergy as entitled to seats, viz :

The Rev. Theo. P. Barber, the Rev. George T. Beaven, the Rev. Jas. L. Bryan, M. D., the Rev. John Crosdale, the Rev. Erastus F. Dashiell, the Rev. William Fulton, the Rev. Edward H. C. Goodwin, the Rev. Orlando Hutton, the Rev. Sam'l D. Hall, the Rev. Jas. T. Hutcheson, the Rev. Lewis H. Jackson, the Rev. Lucien C. Lance, the Rev. Meyer Lewin, D. D., the Rev. Jas. A. McKenney, D. D., the Rev. Jas. A. Mitchell, the Rev. W. Doane Mitchell, the Rev. Aristides S. Smith, the Rev. Joseph N. Wattson, the Rev. Robt. Wilson.

There being no objection, the report was accepted.

Mr. R. B. Carmichael, from the Committee on Elections, reported the following Lay Delegates as entitled to seats, viz :

Messrs. J. L. Adkins, Alex. H. Barnett, Horatio Beck, S. S. McMaster, Sam'l Beck, William S. Walker, W. E. G. Newnam, William Gould, Jas. T. Earle, Richard B. Carmichael, George W. Jefferson, Jas. A. Higgins, Dan'l M. Henry, Wm. R. Hayward, M. D., Jno. Mauldin, Geo. R. Goldsborough, A. J. Gadd, Thos. F. J. Rider, Wm. H. Gale, M. D., Jno. R. Purnell.

There being no objection, the report was accepted.

The President appointed the following Committees :

Committee on Accounts — Messrs. Jas. T. Earle, Wm. H. Gale, and R. C. Mackall.

Committee on Parochial Contributions — Messrs. Geo. R. Goldsborough, S. S. McMaster, and J. L. Adkins.

Committee on the State of the Church — The Rev. Jas. A. McKenney, D. D., the Rev. Messrs. Barton and Smith, and Messrs. Tench Tilghman and Wm. S. Walker.

Committee on Admission of New Parishes — The Rev. Messrs. Wattson and Beaven, and Mr. Dan'l M. Henry.

Committee on Canons — The Rev. Mr. Barber, Rev. Dr. Lewin, and Mr. R. B. Carmichael.

The Bishop announced his readiness to read his annual Address, but upon suggestion, the reading was postponed to the afternoon session.

The Rev. Mr. Hutton moved that the second rule of order be suspended during the sessions of the Convention. Carried.

The Rev. Mr. Hutton then moved that when the Convention adjourn, it stand adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock, P. M. Carried.

The Rev. Mr. Barton presented a petition from North Elk Parish, praying the passage of an Act to divide said Parish. On motion, it was referred to the Committee on the Admission of New Parishes.

Mr. Jas. T. Earle presented a memorial, praying the passage of an Act to re-adjust the boundaries of St. Paul's and St. Luke's Parishes, Queen Anne's County.

On motion, it was referred to the Committee on the Admission of New Parishes.

The Rev. Mr. Crosdale presented a joint petition from Pocomoke and All Hallows Parishes, praying the passage of an Act to define the boundary lines between said Parishes.

On motion, it was referred to the Committee on the Admission of New Parishes.

The Rev. Dr. McKenney offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Convention will proceed to the election of a Standing Committee on Thursday, at 12 o'clock, M., and immediately afterwards to the election of all the committees and officers which it may be its duty to elect.

The resolution being seconded, was adopted.

Mr. R. B. Carmichael, from the Committee on Elections, reported the following Lay Delegates as entitled to seats :

Messrs. Tench Tilghman and Sam'l D. Chamberlaine.

There being no objection, the report was accepted.

The Rev. Mr. Barton moved that the Convention do now adjourn. Carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, *June 9th*, 1869.

The Convention was called to order, and opened with Devotional Services by the Bishop, who then proceeded to read the following Address :

BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND OF THE LAITY:

Upon the first day of April last, I surrendered my missionary episcopate in Arkansas, and set forth to the new home and the new duties to which you have summoned me.

My first service in the diocese was in Christ Church, Easton, on Thursday, the 22d of April. It was deemed fitting by some of the clergy, as well as by myself, that we should hold this preliminary service, for the purpose of invoking upon our future labours that blessing without which all human effort is vain, and of receiving that holy sacrament in which our brotherly communion is at once attested and confirmed. I am deeply grateful to the clergy and the lay people who united with me in this service of devotion, and devoutly trust that our confession of weakness, and our prayer for Divine illumination and guidance, have not been in vain.

From that time up to the present, I have been chiefly engaged in such a visitation of the diocese as the brief period intervening before the meeting of this convention allowed. It seemed desirable that I should, before meeting you in council, make a rapid survey of the diocese, and become acquainted with its clergy and vestries. Some of the parishes preferred that my visit should be postponed until more time could be given, and these have been passed by. I have succeeded, however, in visiting some part of every county, and have officiated in twenty-three congregations, preaching one or more sermons in each, and administering the holy communion, in most cases, at the morning service.

Confirmations have been held as follows:

May 2.	Christ Church, Easton.....	22
" 3.	St. Paul's Chapel, Trappe.....	22
" 4.	St. Luke's Church, Wye.....	5
" 6.	St. Paul's Church, Hillsborough.....	8
" 9.	St. Stephen's Church, New Market.....	5
" 9.	Christ Church, Cambridge.....	13
" 10.	St. John's Chapel, Great Choptank.....	3
" 11.	St. Paul's Church, Vienna.....	5
" 12.	St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.....	12
" 12.	St. Peter's Church, Salisbury.....	27
" 14.	St. Paul's Church, Berlin.....	9
" 15.	All Hallows, Snow Hill.....	1
" 16.	St. Mary's Church, Newtown.....	7
" 17.	St. Andrew's Church, Princess Anne.....	11
" 19.	St. Mark's Chapel, Perryville.....	2
" 20.	Trinity Church, Elkton.....	7
" 21.	St. Clement's, North Kent.....	10
" 23.	St. Paul's Church, Centreville.....	27
" 30.	Christ Church, St. Michael's.....	10
" 30.	St. John's Chapel, Miles River.....	8

The whole number of confirmations is 214.

In some of the vacant parishes the candidates were collected and presented by the ministers adjacent. Thus, the Rev. Mr. Barber presented those at Vienna, the Rev. Dr. Lewin those at Berlin, and the Rev. Mr. Wattson those in North Kent.

During this same period it has afforded me much pleasure to officiate on several occasions for the venerable Bishop of Maryland. I have confirmed in his diocese, 155 persons.

The changes in the diocese since the Primary Convention are as follows :

The Rev. S. K. Stewart has been dismissed to the Diocese of Minnesota.

The Rev. Charles H. Sheild has removed to the Diocese of Maryland.

The Rev. Joseph N. Wattson has resigned the rectorship of North Kent Parish, and become rector of Christ Church, Kent Island.

The Rev. Samuel D. Hall has been compelled, under medical advice, to resign the rectorship of Dorchester Parish.

One of your number, the most venerable in years, the Rev. R. H. B. Mitchell, rector of Trinity Church, Elkton, has been removed by death. I reached his parish the day after his release, and saw him for the first time as he lay still in death.

I am told that he had laboured faithfully, nearly half a century, in the sacred ministry. His last days were attended with great suffering, which he endured with singular patience. It was a blessed privilege of his to have reared up three sons for the service of the altar.

It was a matter of much regret to me that an engagement, on the day of the funeral, in a parish where no bishop has been for many years, made it impossible to join in testifying my reverence for this aged servant of the Church.

One clergyman has been received into the diocese, viz: the Rev. Thos. F. Billopp, rector of North Sassafras Parish, Cecil Co., by letters dimissory from the Bishop of Maryland.

There are two candidates for holy orders, viz: Theodore Somerville Pattison, and Richard Hayward, both of them residents of the Eastern Shore, and therefore transferred to me by the Bishop of Maryland.

I am informed that besides these there are two other young men from among us pursuing theological studies. These I should be glad to enroll as candidates in this diocese.

Since the 1st of April, I have received notices of ecclesiastical sentences, as follows:

From the Bishop of Nebraska, of the deposition of Samuel Hermann, Presbyter.

From the Bishop of Illinois, of the deposition of Henry W. Woods, Presbyter.

From the Bishop of New Jersey, of the deposition of Marshall B. Smith, Presbyter.

From the Bishop of California, of the deposition of J. J. Talbott, Presbyter.

REVIEW OF THE DIOCESE.

Already the question has been frequently proposed to me, what judgment I have formed as to the condition and prospects of the Diocese of Easton. I ask your indulgence in discussing this matter freely and frankly. For while I do not forget that you are all my superiors in accurate and detailed knowledge of our diocesan affairs, and while I recognize the duty of offering suggestions with modesty, yet some such discussion may be useful at this period of our history. Moreover, the general impressions of a new-comer among you, whose episcopate has been exercised under very different circumstances, may be useful to those who have viewed the same facts from a different stand-point. It has seemed to me, then, that in many particulars this new diocese is greatly favoured. It is a fair country in which to dwell, with many natural beauties, and with more conveniences of living and facilities of communication than any other I have been conversant with. I can hardly form an unbiassed judgment about a people who have received me with so much kindness; but I can scarcely be mistaken in recognizing that type of character which has come down from colonial days, and which is specially characterized by frankness, courtesy, hospitality, and the cultivation of the domestic virtues. It is a privilege to conduct our ministry among a people with whom we may hope to maintain relations of warm personal sympathy.

It is much in the favour of the Church, that she has upon this Shore a history and a prestige. The old churches and venerable grave-yards, the records and vestry-books often tattered and worn, the heavy communion-plate given by pious men of past generations, are all sacred things. For such things men outside of the Church feel an involuntary reverence. I can but believe that it is

an advantage to the Church to have such monuments to which it can refer, and that in this shifting world there must be a latent respect for a body which can point to such evidences of its stability.

It has afforded me much satisfaction to observe the harmony that pervades the diocese. If there be any partyism, any extravagance in doctrine or ceremony, any restlessness under law or discontent with our formularies, no evidence of such distraction has met my notice. We seem to be all agreed in receiving the Prayer Book in its straightforward meaning, as faithfully expressing the faith once delivered to the saints.

I have recognized, moreover, in the clergy and people of this diocese, a very general sentiment of expectation and of hopefulness. It is indeed vague and indefinite. I know not, as yet, whether it is influential enough to become the parent of self-devotion and self-sacrifice. It seems, at least, to be quietly assumed by all, that we are not merely to sustain routine parish work, but that our future is to be one of energy and enterprise. In this there is no small encouragement; and yet this very expectation, throughout the diocese, of a new life to be developed, may well fill with awe and solemnity the minds of those among us who are expected to give shape and direction to these aspirations. May each of us on bended knees seek that wisdom which the Holy Ghost alone can give! For how shall we ever forgive ourselves, Bishop, Convention, Standing Committee, Rectors and Vestries, if through our inadvertence, or mistake, or self-seeking, or lack of mutual conciliation, this young diocese should be dwarfed in its childhood?

The Diocese of Easton is emphatically a rural diocese. I rejoice that it is such. We have no large cities, with their demoralizing influences; we have not that grave responsibility of providing for thousands of people, ignorant, vicious, and destitute, crowded in alleys and tenement houses. We may, if we will, know our sheep and our lambs by name. We can, if we choose, bring to bear the influence of personal teaching upon all the members of the flock. If there be any soil well adapted for the growth of unaffected piety and fireside religion, it should be that of a rural diocese, lying adjacent to the sources of knowledge and influence, and yet remote from the excitements and vices of the great Babels of the world.

There is yet another circumstance which has invested the work to which I am called among you with peculiar interest. In this diocese, among the first, is to be tested a new policy in the Amer-

ican Church. Our success or failure will assist in determining these grave questions. Is it desirable to contract the size of our dioceses, thus far at least, that the Bishop shall be really and truly a chief pastor in each congregation, not superseding the Parish Priest, but actively counselling and sustaining him? And again, shall we, in adopting the See principle, seek concentration as well as diffusion, building up a strong place in the centre of the diocese, gathering diocesan institutions around the Bishop's chair, and securing a uniform and systematic administration and oversight?

For myself, while it has seemed to me that the theorizers in this matter have uttered no little extravagance, and while I believe the Church would be greatly injured by such reduction in the size of dioceses as should leave the bishops without enough episcopal work proper fully to occupy their time and their energies, I am yet very decided in the conviction that we need more bishops, and that it is a wise policy to concentrate their work and influence, as well as to distribute them. Of one thing I am very sure, that this diocese is not too small. There is work enough in it, and such work too as a bishop alone can do, to employ the time of an industrious and energetic man.

It may be, brethren, that by the blessing of Almighty God we can contribute something to the solution of questions of policy which are much debated. To make this diocese all that a rural diocese can be made, must be henceforth the study of my life and the passion of my heart. Shall I ever lack your sympathy, your help, and your prayers?

Thus far I have spoken admiringly and hopefully of the condition and prospects of the Church. But there are some mournful things which cannot fail to strike the attention even of a casual observer. You know them as well as I do; and I shall speak of them briefly, because amplification is not necessary.

In some places the Church is sadly decayed. Instead of advancing, she has been steadily retreating year by year. Her temples are in ruins, her influence lost, her baptized members, or their children, gathered into other folds.

Again, the Church has in some instances lost her hold upon the working-men, the small farmers, and the servants. It is even agreed that she is best suited to the refined and the educated.

The clergy of the diocese are not adequately supported. In some parishes the annual contribution to parochial purposes is in significant, and utterly disproportioned to the wealth of the people and to the privileges enjoyed.

Some of the clergy are overworked. The people lade heavy burdens on them, and give them no help. I see some of our older brethren enfeebled by as many as three, or even four, full services held on a Sunday, with many miles intervening. Among my first duties has been to lay the hand of friendly violence upon two meritorious young clergymen, urging them to desist from efforts which would soon end in the loss of health or of life.

Here seems to be our great trouble. The labourer is not esteemed worthy of his hire. I will not discuss this subject in a Convention address. This much only I would say: I deem it my solemn duty to press this matter pointedly and personally upon the members of the Church. I shall not hesitate to do so wherever such urgency seems to be needed. It is not a pleasant task, and in discharge of it I shall often seem unduly importunate. But it is my duty, and, God helping me, I will strive until the end of my days, publicly and privately to urge upon Christ's people that the Lord hath ordained that they who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel.

I now address myself to the discussion of some practical matters which may well be considered by us at this time. I would speak first of our relations with

THE DIOCESE OF MARYLAND.

I find among you all an affection for the old diocese, and a respect for its usages and traditions, which commands my entire sympathy. Besides this, I recognize a just sentiment of veneration for the ability and learning, the genuineness and unselfishness, of your late Diocesan. We have gratifying assurance that the Diocese of Maryland watches us with affectionate solicitude, and the Bishop still cares for you as in former days. It will be a pleasure to us all to maintain the closest relations of intimacy and affection. I would favour all the joint action and conference permitted us by the General Convention. Happily, the *Widows' and Orphans' Society* is comprehensive of both dioceses. I propose to ask admission into it as soon as possible, and to ask of the ladies of each parish, as an act of mercy specially suitable for them, to pay year by year the moderate sum necessary to entitle the family of a deceased clergyman to the aid which this well-managed society dispenses.

The Diocese of Easton owes much to the Bishop of Maryland. Some small part of the debt I am able to repay in your behalf.

I am sure I shall meet your wishes by performing for him, until more efficient aid shall be given, such occasional episcopal offices as time and strength may permit.

THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION.

It becomes us to consider thus early what shall be the character and stamp of our diocesan conventions. Surely, law-making need not occupy us very much. You have already a code elaborated by the wisest churchmen in Maryland, and it may well suffice in the present to make no other alterations than those demanded by manifest experience or by the altered circumstances of the diocese. I would that we may make our deliberations intensely practical, and spend the few days we are together in counselling how to convey the blessings of the Gospel in their utmost fullness to the greatest number.

An ecclesiastical council should not be conducted like a civil legislature. I think the element of devotion should enter largely into it. Sermons and exhortations seem suitable to such a gathering. We of the clergy may well strive to be invigorated and cheered by fraternal intercourse, and to make the occasion so interesting and profitable that the people will gather around us.

CONVOCATIONS.

Besides our annual meeting in Convention, I would earnestly recommend the system of convocations of the clergy. The convocation is useful as a missionary agency; but it is especially valuable for its effect upon the clergy themselves. Our religious thought is stimulated by conversation about new books and theological questions of present interest. Our ideas are enlarged by learning the methods which others are using. For myself, I confess that I have had to be on my guard against narrowness of view; against an unconscious tendency to ring the changes on a few favourite notions, and to use certain stereotyped forms of speech. We need breadth and freshness in our ministry. A little contradiction is wholesome for us, who, as a rule, seldom have our opinions controverted among the people of our charge.

I offer no suggestion as to details. If the clergy shall organize such convocations, I will deem it a duty and a pleasure to attend their meetings, and to do all I can to impart interest to them.

CHURCH WORK IN THE FUTURE.

I come now to consider what we have need to do, in order to build up our parishes and to establish our diocese. Before offering a few special recommendations, I may be permitted to remind you of some of the great principles which should underlie all our efforts.

We must endeavour to persuade our people that the Church of the Living God is a sacred institution, which demands rightly both our obedience and our reverence. We must urge upon them that every Christian man has, in express terms, submitted himself to a discipline, and should for conscience sake yield to authority because it is authority. Our ecclesiastical system is not arbitrary: it allows ample room for the indulgence of reasonable private judgments and sympathies. But the Church has never surrendered her maternal right to direct as well as to advise her children.

Too often it seems to be thought by our people that they are bound to do only what they like to do. Thus they will sustain the clergyman provided they have a personal liking for him. They will assist in building a church, provided it is located and arranged as they think best. They will contribute to such Church objects as happen to excite special sympathy.

We find it hard to induce men to devote their time on their means to anything which will not bring some immediate return to themselves, their families, or their neighbours.

We have yielded too much in all the Church to this error. Few of us are persistent enough in urging men to do what is enjoined, simply because it is enjoined by competent authority. We do not sufficiently emphasize that which should be the ultimate argument, that the thing proposed is for the glory of God. In all our teaching we should quietly assume that each soldier is bound to obey orders. We should faithfully press the purest and most unselfish motives of human conduct. We should endeavour to elevate Churchmen above the narrow zeal of mere congregationalism, or the desire to improve their own neighbourhood, and inspire them with love for the Church of God, and encourage them to generous grief over its sorrows and troubles everywhere. Brethren, let us not disguise the fact: every one of us is prone to slip down into a selfish religion; the Bishop to contract his sympathies within the bounds of his diocese, the clergyman or the layman to pass by the claims of all outside of his own parish. We must seek to enlarge

our sympathies, and to elevate our conceptions of that work of God on earth in which we all have a share. Let me illustrate what I mean by an example. The Church General has organized several departments of missionary work. From time to time she consecrates bishops, she sends out missionaries and teachers, she invades a new territory, and yet how little comes of it all ! The members of the Church, the parishes and congregations, do not feel that they are in anywise responsible for all this. It is far easier to collect money for some congregational object, as for instance a new carpet in the chancel, than for a great missionary work which will shape the destiny of a commonwealth.

What an education it would be for a people, no matter how poor the parish, if this ground was steadily maintained year by year : " Here is something which the Church says must be done. Perhaps it is not the best thing. Perhaps it is not done in the best way. But that is not our concern. As members of the Church we must sustain her undertakings. And therefore we insist, and take no refusal, that every parish, regardless of its own needs, shall regularly contribute to every agency established by the authoritative bodies of the Church." It is hard to estimate the reflex influence of such a course, steadily pursued, on the religious life of our people. Apart from the ends in view, I trust that for our own spiritual improvement, every parish in the diocese will punctually send its contributions to the good works undertaken under the authority of the General and of the Diocesan Convention.

Among the precepts of the Mosaic law, we find one which, like that about muzzling the ox, enfolds a great principle. " The price of a dog," it is said, may not " be brought into the house of the Lord." Our offerings to the service of God should be of such sort as may consist with the dignity and purity of that service. Our alms should be such as may be laid reverently on God's table, with no blush as to the source from which they came, or the arguments used in collecting them.

Brethren, I wish that in this diocese we may all have courage enough and faith enough utterly to abjure all the poor expedencies and indirections commonly relied upon to raise means for religious uses. There is nothing like manly straightforward giving, with no pretence or flattery to mitigate the self-denial. It is a slow method at first, and in adhering to it we may occasionally find ourselves in extremity. But in the end it will be found to be the safe and the true way. Men will be educated up to it, and then their alms, equally with their prayers, will go up for a memorial before God.

Another principle may be very briefly adverted to: the necessity of order, and method, and business management, in our religious affairs. Holy ends are often foiled by loose and careless methods. The Church needs accuracy in her matters of business as much as the merchant or the farmer.

How much Church property has been wasted by informalities and the lack of written documents; how much money lost to us by lending endowment funds, as no bank or corporation would lend; how much confusion and inaccuracy, by reason of negligence in records and vestry books! I am happy to know that the financial affairs of the diocese are in the very best hands, and I venture to urge here in the beginning, before any question of delicacy has arisen, that this convention will insist, not only in financial matters, but in parochial matters and in general business, that everything shall strictly conform to rule and method.

SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS.

Among the practical matters which urge themselves upon our notice, the most important of all is the establishment of an efficient Diocesan Missionary System.

I hope, if Almighty God shall graciously enable me in will and opportunity, to take the lead in this work; and I desire no better employment than to officiate frequently in localities where there is at present no Church organization, and where but a few people can be gathered.

Nothing will more invigorate our parish life than the effort to sustain missionaries in every county. Let us strive that our Communion shall be the Church of the poor as well as of the rich. The hearts of many have been stolen from us, but Christian kindness can win them back. Others may perhaps preach more acceptably than we; but let it not be forgotten that we have in the pastoral character of our ministry, in its adaptedness to guide and comfort troubled and doubting consciences, something which other systems fail utterly to supply.

I ask that by common consent the offering at each Episcopal visitation may be devoted to Diocesan Missions.

I offer no suggestions as to the details of missionary organization, save only that you will seek to make them as little cumbrous as the nature of the case admits.

I believe a Book Agent employed in the service of the Church, with a well selected literature, visiting every part of the diocese,

would be a most valuable missionary. If some of the laymen, as well as the clergy, would be at pains to further him in his work, this useful agency might be conducted with little expense. It would be valuable, also, in securing subscriptions to our Church papers and missionary journals.

I would further ask, is it not possible to induce some of our worthy communicants to act as Lay Readers? Very valuable missionary services have been sustained by such means. Could we but make a beginning, I do not doubt that the result would be satisfactory. In the Diocese of South Carolina, it has been very common for laymen thus to work for the Church. I have heard it made a complaint that the people were not always as anxious as they should be to supply a parish become vacant, because they were so well satisfied with lay-services conducted by some of the gentlemen. I should be glad to license such persons as the minister of the parish may find capable, to assist him in his work.

One recommendation I would very respectfully offer to my brethren of the clergy, viz: to try the experiment of what has been known as the "Cottage Lecture": *i. e.*, preaching on week days, to a few people, here and there. I cannot ask them to multiply their Sunday services: some of them have had too much Sunday duty. But we do not get the ear of as many people as we ought to reach. I have seen elsewhere clergymen of ability and worth, whose congregation proper did not exceed a hundred persons. This is too small a number to engross a clergyman. The happiest results have come, stable congregations have grown up, from a service held on a Saturday afternoon, to a few persons, in a private room. On such occasions, while we should follow out the general spirit and form of the Church's ceremony, I think a clergyman would be entirely at liberty to exercise his sound judgment as to the length of the service to be used.

I cannot conclude this Address without some effort to acknowledge the exceeding kindness which has greeted me upon my arrival in the diocese, and especially the consideration, and trouble, and benevolence, displayed in arranging for my residence among you.

In the midst of all this, I cannot but feel humbled as well as gratified. I have feared that I must fall far short of the loving expectation of the good people who have sent for me to preside over their young diocese, and who are so hopeful that I shall be to them, in God's hand, the instrument of blessing.

But after all, the work is God's, and the Church is guided by

His hand. Seek we all to love one another with a pure heart, fervently ; let us be content each one to take the lowest room, and to bear the heaviest burden our strength can sustain ; let us realize that if only we are docile and submissive, God can do great things through the weakest of us all ; and we may be well assured His work will prosper in our hands.

May brotherly love be the pervading temper of this diocese ; and as year by year we journey hand in hand through sorrows and joys, amid successes and reverses, may we learn to utter with a graver conviction and with a more tender pathos, that good confession, " I BELIEVE IN THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS."

The Rev. Dr. McKenney submitted a report from the Committee on the State of the Church. (See Appendix.)

The Rev. Mr. Barber moved, that the report of the Committee on the State of the Church be printed with the Journal. Carried.

The Rev. Mr. Barber offered the following preamble and resolution :

WHEREAS, By resolution of the Primary Convention, the Treasurer thereof was directed to pay the Rev. Mr. Dashiell the amount expended by him in his agency for the Episcopal Fund :

Resolved, That this amount is properly due from the Episcopal Fund of the Diocese, and the Treasurer of that Fund is hereby requested and authorized to pay the same.

The resolution, being seconded, was adopted.

Mr. R. B. Carmichael, from the Committee on Elections, reported Dr. J. R. B. Purnell, Lay Delegate from All Hallows' Parish, as entitled to a seat.

There being no objection, the report was received.

The Rev. Mr. Barber moved that the Report of the Committee on the Constitution and Canons, be made the order of the day, immediately after the opening of the Convention, to-morrow morning. Carried.

The Rev. Mr. Barton moved that the portion of the Bishop's Address referring to the subject of Diocesan Missions, be referred to a Committee, composed of two Clergymen and one Layman. Carried.

The President appointed the following as members of said

Committee, the Rev. Mr. Barton, the Rev. Mr. Crosdale, and Mr. D. M. Henry.

The Rev. Mr. Barber moved that the portion of the Bishop's Address referring to the subject of Convocations in the Diocese of Easton, be referred to a Committee composed of two Clergymen and one Layman. Carried.

The President appointed the following as members of said Committee: the Rev. Mr. Barber, the Rev. Mr. Goodwin, and Mr. Wm. S. Walker.

The Rev. Dr. Lewin offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the subject of the property donated to the Church in Caroline County, be referred to a Committee consisting of three Laymen, to report what action is required by this Convention in relation thereto.

The resolution being seconded, was adopted.

The President appointed the following as members of said Committee: Mr. Jas. T. Earle, Mr. George R. Goldsborough, and Mr. Daniel M. Henry.

The Rev. Mr. Hutton moved that the portion of the Bishop's Address referring to the devotional services to be used at the meetings of Convention, be referred to a Committee of three. Carried.

The President appointed the following as members of said Committee: the Rev. Mr. Hutton, the Rev. Mr. Smith, and Mr. Wm. R. Hayward.

Mr. R. C. Mackall offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That in view of the peculiar appropriateness of the Bishop's Sermon, upon the opening of this, our First, Diocesan Convention, he be requested to allow the same to be spread upon the Journal; and, in the event of his acquiescence, the Secretary be further authorized to have five hundred copies printed in pamphlet form, and distribute the same among the several parishes.

The Rev. Mr. Hutton was called to the chair.

The resolution being then seconded, was adopted.

Mr. George R. Goldsborough, from the Committee on the Assessment of Parishes, presented the report of said Committee.

The Rev. Dr. Lewin moved its re-commitment to the same Committee. Carried.

The Rev. Dr. McKenney moved that the Convention do now adjourn. Carried.

S E C O N D D A Y .

MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, *June 10th*, 1869.

The Convention assembled at 9 o'clock. Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Mr. Dashiell, and the Rev. Mr. Beaven. The proceedings of the meeting of Convention held in Christ Church, Easton, on Wednesday, May 26th, together with the minutes of yesterday's session, were then read, and on motion approved.

The President laid the following communications on the table of the Secretary :

NO. 1.

"I hereby authorize the use in the Diocese of Easton, in the public service, of the hymns contained in the collections known as 'Hymns Ancient and Modern,' and 'Hymns for Church and Home.'"

HENRY C. LAY,

EASTON, *June 10th*, 1869.

Bishop of Easton.

NO. 2.

The Bishop expressed to the Convention his thanks for the resolution proposing the publication of the sermon preached on yesterday. He respectfully declined acceding to this request, partly because the same thoughts are substantially embraced in the Episcopal Address, and partly because of the numerous claims upon the Contingent Fund of the Diocese, of more importance. *

The report of the Committee on the Constitution and Canons being the order of the day, by permission,

The report of the Committee on Parochial Assessments was presented by the Chairman, Mr. Geo. R. Goldsborough.

The Rev. Dr. Lewin moved it be printed in the Journal, and the assessment of parishes therein made, be adopted by this Convention. Carried.

* At a subsequent period, the request for the sermon was renewed by the Lay members of the Convention, offering themselves to defray the cost of printing, and the preacher felt it his duty to accede to their wishes.

By permission, the Rev. Dr. Lewin read the following report from the Committee appointed by the Primary Convention of this Diocese, to attend the Convention of the Diocese of Maryland :

The undersigned, who were appointed by the Primary Convention of the Diocese of Easton a Committee to attend the Convention of the Diocese of Maryland in order to confer with any Committee which that Convention might appoint to meet them to consider "matters of common interest," respectfully report, that in the performance of their duty they attended the recent session of the Annual Convention, which was held in Grace Church, Baltimore, on the 26th, 27th, and 28th ult., and that they met the Committee which was appointed to confer with them ; and they beg leave to lay before this Convention the following duly attested copy of the proceedings of the Convention of the Diocese of Maryland, as embodying the result of their conference, which they recommend to be spread upon the Journal of the Convention of the Diocese of Easton ; and, inasmuch as, in pursuance of the above, a Committee has been appointed by the Convention of the Diocese of Maryland, consisting of three clergymen and two laymen, of which the Bishop of Maryland is *ex-officio* Chairman, to meet any similar Committee to be appointed by this Convention, "to mature a proper plan for the organization of a Federate Convention of the two Dioceses and for the promotion of Church extension in this State," your Committee would, therefore, respectfully recommend the passage of the following resolution :

Resolved, That a Committee of three Clergymen and two Laymen be appointed by this Convention to meet the Committee which has been appointed by the Diocese of Maryland, "to mature a proper plan for the organization of a Federate Convention of the two Dioceses, and for the promotion of Church extension in this State," and to report to the next Convention of the Diocese of Easton, and that the Bishop of Easton be *ex-officio* Chairman of the said Committee.

Your Committee has the pleasure of being the medium of laying before you the evidence of the continued kind feeling and fraternal interest of the Diocese of Maryland in this Diocese, and also the following resolution passed by the Convention of the Diocese of Maryland :

"Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are hereby given to the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Easton, for the generous aid afforded by him to our beloved Diocesan in the visitation of several congregations of this Diocese."

It is gratifying to your Committee, and they are sure the gratification is shared by the whole of this Convention, that it has been in the power of our Bishop to render any service to the Bishop and Diocese of Maryland, to whom we are indebted for so much.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed,)

MEYER LEWIN, *Chairman*.

DIOCESE OF MARYLAND,

Baltimore, June 5th, 1869.

At the sitting of the Eighty-sixth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Maryland, held in Grace Church, Baltimore, May 26th, 27th and 28th, among other proceedings were the following :

The Chairman stated that he had just been informed, that a Committee from the Diocese of Easton, was in attendance to confer with this Convention, whereupon,

The Rev. Dr. Jackson offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That a Committee of three Clergymen and two Laymen be appointed to confer with the Committee from the Diocese of Easton.

The Chairman appointed the Committee under the resolution, as follows, viz :

The Rev. Dr. Jackson, and the Rev. Messrs. Stearns and Hammond, and Messrs. W. Pinkney White and J. W. Jones.

Mr. P. M. Snowden offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Communication received by the Secretary of this Convention from the Diocese of Easton, be referred to the said Committee.

The Committee made the following report :

" The Committee appointed by this Convention to meet the Committee from the Diocese of Easton, and confer with them on 'matters of common interest,' have discharged that duty, and after a full, free and brotherly interchange of views, showing a cordial agreement among the members of the two Committees, as to the desirableness of common action on such matters of 'common interest,' and that it should be brought about at the earliest practicable moment, unanimously recommend the passage of the following resolution :

Resolved, That a Committee of three Clergymen and two Laymen be appointed by this Convention, to meet a similar Committee appointed, or to be appointed by the Convention of the Diocese of Easton, to mature a proper plan for the organization of a Federate Convention of the two Dioceses, and for the promotion of Church extension in this State, and to report to the next Convention of the Diocese of Maryland, and that the Bishop of Maryland be *ex-officio* Chairman of the said Committee.

Beside the foregoing, there was referred to your Committee, a Communication received by the Secretary of this Convention, from the Diocese of Easton. [See Communication (Journal of Primary Convention, page 27) signed Meyer Lewin, Chairman.]

In response to the same, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Convention has heard with great interest, and satisfaction, the Communication from the Diocese of Easton, just read ; and that they cordially reciprocate the kind feelings and wishes of their brethren of that Diocese, therein expressed, and bid them a hearty God speed in the new career upon which they have now entered ; praying that what has been done, may turn out to the furtherance of the Gospel and Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are hereby given to the Right Rev. the Bishop of Easton, for the generous aid afforded by him to our beloved Diocesan, in the visitation of several congregations of this Diocese.

Resolved, That a copy of this Report, duly attested by the President and Secretary of this Convention, be transmitted to the Right Rev. the Bishop of Easton; and, also to the Chairman of the Committee from that Diocese, now in attendance on this Convention, to be laid before that Convention at its next meeting.

(Signed)

WM. G. JACKSON, D. D.,
E. J. STEARNS,
J. PINKNEY HAMMOND,
W. PINKNEY WHITE,
J. WILLIAM JONES.

On motion, the Report of the Committee was accepted, and the Resolutions proposed by the Committee were severally adopted.

WILLIAM ROLLINSON WHITTINGHAM,
Bishop of Maryland,

True Copy, Test :

President of the Convention.

P. M. SNOWDEN, *Secretary.*

On motion the resolution, submitted by the Rev. Dr. Lewin in behalf of the Committee, was adopted.

By permission the report of Thos. Hughlett, Treasurer, was presented.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Lewin, said report was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

By permission, Mr. R. B. Carmichael presented the report of the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund; and on motion, it was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

The order of the day, being the report of the Committee on the Constitution and Canons, was then resumed, and the Rev. Mr. Barber, from said Committee, presented their report, and proceeded to read the same.

Mr. R. B. Carmichael, from same Committee, presented a minority report, and moved that it be laid on the table. Carried.

The Rev. Mr. Lance moved that the vote be taken upon each amendment separately. Carried.

Whereupon, the Rev. Mr. Barber, in behalf of the said Committee, moved as follows :

That the Constitution of the Diocese of Easton be amended by adopting the following as an Article thereof, and that it be numbered and inserted as Art. I.

"This Church, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, accedes to the Constitution of that Church, and acknowledges the authority of its Canons."

The vote being taken, the President declared the amendment had been carried; whereupon, the Rev. Dr. Lewin called for a division, when the amendment was passed by twenty-two votes in the affirmative, to six in the negative.

The Chairman of the Committee then moved that Art. I. of the Constitution be amended by striking out in the second line "*the last Wednesday in May,*" and inserting in lieu thereof "*the first Wednesday in June,*" and that this Article thus amended be numbered and inserted as Art. II.

The Rev. Dr. McKenney moved as an amendment the substitution of "*the third Wednesday in May,*" for "*the first Wednesday in June.*"

The amendment being seconded, the vote was taken, and the amendment *lost*.

The vote was then taken on the amendment as presented by the Committee, and it was carried.

The Rev. Mr. Goodwin moved a reconsideration of the vote. *Lost.*

The hour of 12 M. having arrived, the President announced the order of the day to be the election of the Standing Committee, and other officers.

The following nominations for the Standing Committee were then made:

The Rev. Jas. A. McKenney, D. D., the Rev. E. F. Dashiell, the Rev. Theo. P. Barber, the Rev. Meyer Lewin, D. D., the Rev. Jno. Crosdale, the Rev. E. H. C. Goodwin, the Rev. Orlando Hutton, the Rev. John O. Barton, and the Rev. A. S. Smith.

The President appointed the Rev. Mr. Hall and the Rev. Mr. Wilson to collect the votes of the Clergy, and Mr. Gould and Dr. Purnell to collect the votes of the Laity.

During the absence of the Tellers, the Rev. Mr. Goodwin moved that the committees appointed to consider portions of the Bishop's address, be requested to present their reports immediately after the religious services this evening. *Carried.*

The Rev. Mr. Wattson, from the Committee on New Parishes and Congregations, presented a report in part.

The Rev. Mr. Smith moved that the report be now taken up for consideration. Carried.

The Rev. Mr. Goodwin moved, that the whole report be laid over until the next Annual Convention.

The Committee, through its Chairman, then requested permission to withdraw the report.

On motion, permission was granted.

The Rev. Dr. Lewin nominated Mr. Thos. Hughlett for Treasurer of the Convention.

No other name being proposed, the ballot was dispensed with, and Mr. Hughlett unanimously re-elected.

The Tellers on the vote for members of the Standing Committee then appeared, and reported that the Rev. Jno. Crosdale, the Rev. Orlando Hutton, the Rev. Theo. P. Barber, the Rev. E. H. C. Goodwin, the Rev. E. F. Dashiell, the Rev. Jno. O. Barton, and the Rev. Jas. A. McKenney, D. D., had each received a majority of the votes cast, and they were declared duly elected.

The order of the day, being the Report of the Committee on the Constitution and Canons, was then resumed.

The Chairman of the Committee moved to strike out Art. II, and substitute in lieu thereof the following, to be numbered and inserted as Art. III :

"The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen. The Bishop, and Assistant Bishop, if there be one, shall have a seat and vote in the Convention.

Every Clergyman of this Church, of whatever order, being a settled minister or an assistant minister of some parish or separate congregation, acknowledged as such by this Convention, within this Diocese, or being a missionary under the ecclesiastical authority of this Diocese, or being otherwise employed in the sacred work of the ministry, with the sanction of the Bishop and Standing Committee, or if there be no Bishop, of the Standing Committee only, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, if he has been canonically resident within this Diocese for the space of six calendar months next before the meeting of the Convention ;

Provided, That no Clergyman, who has been once entitled to a seat in Convention, shall lose his right to a seat therein by reason of his having ceased, on account of age or infirm health, to have charge of a parish or to be an assist-

ant minister therein, or to be a missionary as aforesaid, or to be employed in the sacred work of the ministry with the sanction of the Bishop and Standing Committee ;

Provided also, That no Clergyman under ecclesiastical censure shall have a seat or vote in Convention.

The Laymen shall consist of one delegate from each parish, chosen by the vestry thereof ; or, if there be no vestry, by the congregation from among the parishioners ;

Provided, That every parish having more than one officiating minister, who hath been regularly and canonically elected, shall be entitled to send as many delegates as it has ministers who are entitled to seats in the Convention. But before any Lay delegate shall take his seat, he shall subscribe the following declaration :

"I do hereby declare my belief in the Christian religion, and attachment to the Protestant Episcopal Church, and profess myself a member thereof"

The vote being taken, the amendment was carried.

The Chairman then moved that Art. III be numbered and inserted as Art. IV.

The vote being taken, the amendment was passed.

The Chairman then moved that Art. IV be numbered and inserted as Art. V.

The vote being taken, the amendment was passed.

The Chairman then moved that Art. V be numbered and inserted as Art. VI.

The Rev. Mr. Hutton offered as an amendment the following :

"The election of a Bishop of this Church shall be made in Convention in the following manner : The order of the Clergy shall vote, by ballot, for some fit and qualified Clergyman, of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, for that office ; and the vote of two-thirds of that order shall be requisite to constitute a choice ; also, and separately, the order of the Laity shall vote, by ballot, for some fit and qualified Clergyman, of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, for that office ; and the votes of two-thirds of that order shall be requisite to constitute a choice ; and the concurrence of both orders, by a majority of two-thirds of each order, shall be necessary for the due election of a Bishop ;

Provided, That whenever it shall be proposed to elect an Assistant Bishop of this Diocese, notice thereof shall be given at an Annual Convention, and the election shall take place at the succeeding Annual Convention."

The vote being taken, the President declared the amendment to the amendment to have passed.

A division being called for, the vote stood, affirmative 17, negative 12.

The amendment as amended was then passed.

The Chairman then moved that Art. VI be amended by striking out all after the 6th line, and inserting in lieu thereof, "he shall not enter into debate, but he may deliver his sentiments on any subject after it has been discussed, before a vote thereon;" and that this Article, thus amended, be numbered and inserted as Art. VII.

The vote being taken, the amendment passed.

The Chairman moved that Art. VII be numbered and inserted as Art. VIII.

The vote being taken, the amendment was passed.

The Chairman moved that Art. VIII be amended by inserting after the word "Secretary" in the third line, the following, "But if only one person is nominated, a ballot may be dispensed with," and that this Article, thus amended, be numbered and inserted as Art. IX.

The vote being taken, the amendment passed.

The Chairman then moved that the Constitution of the Diocese be further amended, by adopting the following as an Article thereof, and that it be numbered and inserted as Art. X:

"A Treasurer shall be annually chosen by the joint ballot of the Convention, who shall remain in office until the election of a successor,

Provided, That if only one person be nominated, a ballot may be dispensed with.

His duties shall be those usually appertaining to that office; and he shall annually report to the Convention an account of its funds. In the event of a vacancy, by death or otherwise, the Bishop may appoint a Treasurer *pro tempore*, who shall continue in office until the next meeting of the Convention, and he shall deliver over to his successor all books and property in his custody."

The vote being taken, the amendment passed.

The Chairman then moved that Art. IX be amended by striking out in the second line the word "seven," and substituting "five" in lieu thereof; and that this Article, thus amended, be numbered and inserted as Art. XI.

The vote being taken, the amendment passed.

The Chairman moved further to amend the Constitution by striking out Articles X and XI.

The vote being taken, the motion was carried.

The Chairman further moved to amend Art. XII by striking out in the fourth line after the word "parishes," the words, "which shall have ratified this Constitution," and inserting in lieu thereof, "or separate congregations entitled to representation in the Convention."

The vote being taken, the amendment passed.

The minority report on the Constitution was, by permission, allowed to remain on the table for the present.

The Constitution of the Diocese having been thus amended and approved, was left for final action at the next Annual Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Barber, in behalf of the Committee, proceeded to offer the Canons with amendments as follows :

First, Moved that Canon I be repealed, and the following be substituted in place thereof, to be numbered and entitled :

CANON I.

OF THE TITLES OF CLERGYMEN TO SEATS IN CONVENTION.

No Clergyman removing from another Diocese into this Diocese, shall be entitled to a seat in the Convention, as having been regularly and canonically elected into a Parish or separate congregation, unless it shall have been signified to the Secretary of the Convention by the Ecclesiastical authority that he had furnished the Certificate required by Title I, Canon XII, Section 7, (1 & 2) of the Digest of the General Convention.

No Clergyman shall be entitled to a seat in the Convention on the ground that he is employed in the sacred work of the Ministry with the sanction of the Bishop and Standing Committee, unless, at least three months before the meeting of the Convention, he shall have furnished to the Secretary a certificate to that effect.

The vote being taken, the President declared the Canon, as amended, to be passed. A division was then called for, and the Canon was passed by 21 votes in the affirmative, and 8 in the negative.

Mr. Jas. T. Earle moved that the Convention adjourn until 4 P. M. Carried.

!AFTERNOON SESSION.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention was opened with religious services by the Bishop.

The consideration of the Report of the Committee on the Constitution and Canons was resumed.

The Chairman of the Committee offered the following, viz :

That Canon III (of 1851) be amended, by striking out all after the word "Act" at the beginning of line 16, and substituting "of Assembly of 1868," and that this Canon as amended be numbered and inserted as Canon III. Carried.

The Chairman of the Committee moved that the word "Easton" be substituted for "Maryland" in line 18 of Canon VI Carried.

The Chairman of the Committee moved the adoption of the following to be numbered and entitled :

CANON VIII.

OF ECCLESIASTICAL COURTS

There shall be an Ecclesiastical Court for the Diocese of Easton, to try such charges as may be preferred against any Priest or Deacon of said Diocese. It shall be composed of three Presbyters not members of the Standing Committee. They shall be elected by ballot at each regular session of the Diocesan Convention, and shall continue in office until others shall have been chosen in their places. The Bishop, by and with the advice and consent of a majority of the Standing Committee, shall have power to fill all vacancies which may occur by death, resignation, or removal from the Diocese, or election into the Episcopate or Standing Committee.

The Court may appoint a Layman learned in the law, who shall act as Assessor, and who shall be present at all the proceedings. It shall be his duty to give his opinion on any question of law which may arise, upon which the Court, or any member thereof, may desire his opinion ; but he shall have no voice in the decision of any question.

Whenever a charge or charges against any Priest or Deacon of this Diocese shall have been reduced to writing by the Church Advocate, agreeably to the provisions of the Canons, it shall be his duty to deliver to the Bishop two copies of the same signed with his own hand. It shall then be the duty of the Bishop to transmit one of the said copies to the accused, together with notice of the time and place of trial, both of which the Bishop shall prescribe. The charges and notice shall be delivered to the accused or left at his place of abode, at

least thirty days before the time appointed for the trial. The Bishop shall also issue a precept directed to all the members of the Ecclesiastical Court, requiring them to proceed to the trial of the accused at the prescribed time and place; which precept, together with another [copy of the charges signed by the *Church Advocate*, shall be transmitted by the Bishop to the President of the Court, whose duty it shall be, upon receipt of the same, to cause all the members of the Court to be summoned to meet at the prescribed time and place.

It shall be the duty of the members of the Court to convene immediately after the election at a time and place to be appointed by the Bishop; and they shall elect from their own body a President. They shall also appoint a Secretary. It shall be the duty of the Secretary, within five days after such election, and after every change in the office of President, to notify the Bishop of the name of the person chosen President.

The Rev. Mr. Dashiell offered as an amendment, to strike out "at each regular session," and insert "at the regular session once in three years." Carried.

The Rev. Dr. McKenney moved to amend the Canon by adding at the end of the first paragraph, "until the meeting of the next Annual Convention." Carried.

The Canon, as thus amended, was then passed.

The Chairman of the Committee offered the following amendment to Canon IX:

Strike out the word "Maryland" in the eighth line, and substitute "Easton" in place thereof. Carried.

The Chairman of the Committee moved to strike out in Canon X, all after the words "to the Court may appear proper." Carried.

The Chairman of the Committee moved that Canon XII be repealed. Carried.

The Chairman of the Committee moved to amend Canon XIII by striking out the words "by a canonical majority" in the first and second lines, and that this Canon, as amended, be numbered and inserted as Canon XII. Carried.

The Chairman of the Committee moved to amend Canon XIV by striking out all after "directed by" in line 7th, and substituting in lieu thereof "Title II, Canon V, Sec. 1;" and that this Canon, as amended, be numbered and inserted as Canon XIII. Carried.

The Chairman of the Committee moved that Canon XV be numbered and inserted as Canon XIV. Carried.

The Chairman of the Committee further moved that Canons under title "Of Lay Discipline," and numbered XVI, XVII, XVIII, XIX, XX, XXI, and XXII, respectively, be and are hereby repealed. Carried.

The Chairman of the Committee then moved to amend Canon XXIII by striking out the words "the twenty-second of these Canons," in line 2, and substituting in lieu thereof the words "Title II, Canon XII, Sec. 2, of the Digest of the Canons of the General Convention," and that this Canon be numbered and inserted as Canon XV.

Mr. R. B. Carmichael moved to strike out the two final words "or excommunication." Carried.

The Canon, as amended, was then passed.

The Chairman of the Committee moved that Canon XXIV be, and hereby is repealed. Carried.

The Chairman of the Committee moved that Canon XXV be numbered and inserted as Canon XVI. Carried.

The Chairman of the Committee moved that Canon XXVI be, and hereby is repealed. Carried.

The Chairman of the Committee moved that Canon XXVII be numbered and inserted as Canon XVII. Carried.

The Chairman of the Committee moved that Canon XXVIII be numbered and inserted as Canon XVIII. Carried.

The Chairman of the Committee moved that Canon XXIX be numbered and inserted as Canon XIX. Carried.

The Chairman of the Committee moved that the Canon of 1848 (*vide* page 19 of the Compilation), entitled "Of vacant Parishes or Congregations," be numbered and inserted as Canon XX. Carried.

The Chairman of the Committee also moved that the Canon of 1855 (on page 23 of the Compilation), entitled "Of the Mode of securing an accurate View of the State of the Church in this Diocese," be amended by striking out, in section 2, the words "the XIIth Canon of the General Convention of 1853," and inserting in lieu thereof "Title I, Canon XV, Section 1, of the Digest of

the General Convention ;" and that this Canon be numbered and inserted as Canon XXI.

The Chairman of the Committee further moved that the Bishop be respectfully requested to furnish the Secretary with an annual accurate list of the names of the clergy of this diocese entitled to seats in the Convention, according to the Constitution and Canons ; and that the Secretary be directed to publish the same upon the Journal. Carried.

The Rev. Mr. Barber then moved that it be entrusted to the Committee on the Constitution and Canons to arrange the several Acts of the Constitution, as now approved, according to their numbers, and the Canons, as now amended, according to their proper numbers and titles, for publication in the Journal. Carried.

The President nominated as a Committee on the part of the Diocese of Easton to confer with a similar Committee from the Diocese of Maryland, to prepare a plan for a Federate Convention of the two dioceses, the Rev. Dr. Lewin, the Rev. Mr. Dashiell, the Rev. Mr. Hutton, J. L. Adkins, M. D., and R. B. Carmichael.

Mr. R. B. Carmichael having asked to be excused from serving on said Committee, the President substituted Mr. Wm. S. Walker.

Mr. R. B. Carmichael now moved to take from the table the Minority Report on the Constitution. Carried.

Minority Report.—The undersigned concurring in the Report of the majority on the Constitution, begs leave to report an additional Article, to be numbered Art. XIII, by way of amendment, in the words following :

ARTICLE XIII.

No rite, service or ceremony hereafter shall be practised in the service of any Church of this Diocese, for which the *express* sanction of the Protestant Episcopal Church may not be found in the "Standard Edition of the Book of Common Prayer, set forth by the General Convention," of said Church of the United States, in the year 1844.

RICH'D B. CARMICHAEL,

Of the Committee on the Constitution and Can. ns.

Mr. Tench Tilghman offered the following as an amendment :

Add, Nor shall any requirement of the Rubric be disregarded by the omission of any rite, service or ceremony required, as found in the above Standard Edition of the Prayer Book, or such alterations of the same as may be made by the General Convention.

The vote being taken on the amendment, the President declared it passed.

A division being called for, the vote stood—affirmative 11, negative 11; when the casting vote of the President was given in the affirmative.

The amendment, as thus amended, being then put upon its passage, the President declared it to be *lost*; whereupon a division was called, and the vote standing 9 in the affirmative, to 25 in the negative, the amendment was lost.

Mr. Jas. T. Earle presented the following report from the Committee on Accounts, covering reports from the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, and from the Treasurer of the Convention. (Appendix.)

The Committee on Accounts have examined the account of the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, and report that they have found it accurately correct. They beg, as part of their report, to submit a statement made by the Treasurer to his associates, "The Trustees of the Episcopal Fund," which will satisfactorily exhibit the condition of this Fund.

In further discharge of their duty, they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention, and having compared them carefully with the vouchers, state that they have found them correct, and that his statement discovers a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of eighteen dollars and forty-five cents.

JAS. T. EARLE, *Chairman.*

The Rev. Mr. Hutton moved that the Convention adjourn, to meet at 8 o'clock to-night. Carried.

EVENING SESSION.

8 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Evening Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Wilson, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Barber.

After the religious services, the President called the Convention to order.

The Rev. Mr. Barton, from the Committee appointed to consider the portion of the Bishop's Address relating to Diocesan Missions, presented a report as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address which relates to Diocesan Missions, respectfully report that there can be but

one opinion in regard to the importance of the work to which their attention has been called. Presenting, as the Diocese of Easton does, so wide a field for missionary operations, the Church within her limits would fall very far short of her duty to God did she not exert every effort to build up the Redeemer's Kingdom within her borders. Many Temples of God, once filled with interested congregations, lie in neglect or in ruins. Wide fields, white for the harvest, are inviting the reaping hand of the Church, and ready to be developed into importance by the enterprise and liberality of our people.

The Committee would not further enlarge upon the importance of the work in our new diocese, but would endeavor to present a plan for the practical prosecution of this great work; and with this view would offer the following resolutions:

1st. *Resolved*, That the missionary work of this Diocese shall be committed to the hands of the Bishop, and the Presidents of the several Convocations into which the Diocese shall be divided.

2nd. *Resolved*, That no mission shall be established, nor any missionary appointed, but with the advice and consent of the Bishop, or, if there be no Bishop of the Diocese, of the Standing Committee.

3d. *Resolved*, That a Treasurer of the Missionary Fund shall be appointed by the Convention.

The Committee cannot too strongly urge upon every member of the Diocese, the imperative need of generous liberality and fervent zeal in order that we may come up to the measure of the glorious work before us, and that we may sustain the hands of him who is over us in the Lord.

JOHN O. BARTON,

JOHN CROSDALE.

The Rev. Mr. Crosdale moved that the report be laid on the table. Carried.

The Rev. Mr. Goodwin, from the Committee appointed to consider the portion of the Bishop's Address relating to Convocations in the Diocese of Easton, presented a report as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to the subject of Convocations, beg leave to report, that for some years past the Diocese has been divided into Convocations; without, however, any direct authority for the prosecution of the work, any fixed object beyond the cultivation of good feeling between the members of the various Convocations, or any recognition of them by the Convention. In consequence of this, the action of the Convocations has been intermittent, their efforts inefficient. Recognizing the importance of the Bishop's suggestions, the Committee beg leave to report to the Convention the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Diocese of Easton be divided into three Convocations, to be called the Northern, Middle, and Southern, Convocations of the Diocese of Easton, and to consist—

The Northern Convocation, of Cecil and Kent.....	7
Middle—Queen Anne, Caroline, Talbot and Dorchester.....	13
Southern—Wicomico, Salisbury, and Worcester.....	7

Resolved, That the Convocations of the Diocese are hereby made the subordinate Missionary organization of the Diocese, and shall consist of the Rectors and assistant Ministers (of the Counties contained in the Convocation,) with two Lay Delegates from each Parish of the Counties contained in the Convocation.

Resolved, That the officers of the Convocation shall consist of a President, to be elected from among the Presbyters, and of a Secretary, who shall also act as Treasurer of the Convocation, who shall be chosen from the Laymen.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Convocations to meet at least three times in the year; and in addition to the cultivation of general interest in Church work, it shall be their duty to hold Missionary services at every meeting, and to take up collections for the aid of Diocesan missions.

(Signed,)

THEO. P. BARBER, E. H. C. GOODWIN, WM. S. WALKER.	}	<i>Committee.</i>
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Upon the motion of Rev. Mr. Crosdale, the resolutions were severally adopted.

Rev. Mr. Crosdale then moved that the report concerning that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to Diocesan Missions, be now taken from the table. Carried.

On the motion of the same, the resolutions were severally adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Hutton nominated Mr. Philemon T. Kennard as Treasurer of the Missionary Fund of the Diocese. No other name being presented, the ballot was dispensed with, and Mr. Kennard was elected.

The Rev. Mr. Hutton, from the Committee to whom was referred the portion of the Bishop's Address referring to the Devotional Services to be observed at the meetings of the Convention, presented the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred that part of the Bishop's Address relating to devotional services in connection with the business sessions of the Convention, beg leave to report:

The Committee most cordially approve of the sentiments expressed by the Bishop upon this subject, and unite in recommending their practical adoption by the Convention, assembled to consult and provide for the welfare of the Church, the Body of CHRIST, and for the extension of true religion in the world. It seems to your Committee eminently proper and desirable that devotional services, the preaching of the Word, and the mutual interchange of godly counsels and exhortations in relation to the practical and missionary operations of the Church, should be marked features in our ecclesiastical assemblies. We meet together, not as a secular body to consult and act upon matters pertaining to this

world, but to deliberate, under the guidance of the Divine Spirit of truth and love, upon those weighty things that relate to the Kingdom of our LORD JESUS CHRIST. In our great work, we continually feel more and more the need of illuminating and sanctifying influences from above to inspire us with a deeper earnestness and a holier zeal.

While it is admitted that the opening services of each day of the session, as already arranged, are eminently conducive to these ends, it is submitted that, in the judgment of the Committee, as well as of the Bishop, the Divine services may be so multiplied and varied as not only not to impede the strict business matters of the Convention, but rather to advance them, and at the same time impart additional interest and zeal to that work in which, as members of a Church council, we are here engaged.

The Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Bishop of the Diocese be requested to make such arrangements for devotional services, the preaching of the Word, and Missionary Meetings, as in his judgment will most conduce to the interest and practical benefit of the sessions of the Convention.

(Signed,)

O. HUTTON,
A. S. SMITH,
WM. R. HAYWARD.

On motion, the resolution was adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Barber moved that when the Convention adjourn, it adjourn to meet in Christ Church, Cambridge, on the last Wednesday in May, 1870. Carried.

The Rev. Mr. Barber offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are due, and are hereby gratefully proffered, to the Rector and Vestry of St. Peter's Parish, Easton, for the use of their Church and the excellent arrangements for the occasion.

Carried.

The same then offered the following :

Resolved, That the kind welcome and abundant hospitality of the Brethren and citizens of Easton are warmly appreciated by the members of this Convention.

Carried.

And the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer is requested to pay the sexton of Christ Church the sum of ten dollars.

Carried.

The Rev. Mr. Goodwin offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee appointed to meet a Committee from the Diocese of Maryland in reference to federative action, be requested to report by circular to the Rectors and Vestries of the several parishes, the result of their deliberations on or before the first day of May.

Carried.

Mr. R. B. Carmichael moved that the Convention proceed to the election of three Presbyters, to constitute the Ecclesiastical Court of the Diocese.

The Rev. Dr. Lewin, the Rev. Mr. Lance, and the Rev. Mr. Smith, were then nominated.

The Rev. Mr. Crosdale moved that the ballot be dispensed with. Carried.

The same further moved that the three above-named Presbyters be declared elected to constitute the Ecclesiastical Court. Carried.

The Rev. Dr. Lewin asked to be excused from serving as a member of the Court.

The Rev. Mr. Dashiell moved that the gentleman be excused. Carried.

The Rev. Mr. Crosdale nominated the Rev. Mr. Wattson.

On motion, the ballot being dispensed with, the Rev. Mr. Wattson was elected.

The Rev. Mr. Smith moved that the Convention do now adjourn until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Lost.

The Rev. Dr. Lewin moved that the Convention proceed to the election of Trustees of the Episcopal Fund. Carried.

The Rev. Mr. Dashiell moved that the gentlemen now constituting the Board of Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be declared elected. Carried.

Mr. R. B. Carmichael asked to be excused from serving longer on this board.

The Rev. Dr. Lewin moved that the request be *not* granted. Carried.

The Rev. Mr. Smith moved that 500 copies of the Journal be printed. Carried.

Mr. George R. Goldsborough, from the Committee on Parochial Contributions, presented their report.

The Rev. Mr. Crosdale moved that, after reading the minutes and after suitable religious services, the Convention adjourn *sine die*. Carried.

The members of the Convention united in singing a hymn, after which prayer was offered and the benediction pronounced by the Bishop, and the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

HENRY C. LAY, *President*.

Attest :

JAS. L. BRYAN, *Secretary*.

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CAROLINE COUNTY.

St. John's Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 20; Adult 2; (of which were privately performed 9;) Catechisings, openly in Church, 4 times; Confirmed 8; Communicants, admitted 8; lost by removal 1; present number 30; Marriages 10; Burials 9.

Communion Alms \$55.05; all other Contributions \$230.80; Total receipts \$285.85.

Appropriated, within the Parish \$247.90; within the Diocese \$37.95; Total appropriations \$285.85.

The undersigned is thankful for being able to speak hopefully of the work in this field. The growth of the Church, though slow, as must be justly expected from the peculiar circumstances surrounding her, is yet steady and healthful. By the commendable zeal and activity of a young lady residing in this village, the sum of \$53 was raised, with which a chandelier and brackets were purchased and put up in the chapel, thus enabling us to celebrate divine service at night.

Hillsborough.

GEO. F. BEAVEN, *Rector.*

CECIL COUNTY.

St. Augustine Church.

Baptisms, Infant 2; Communicants 14; Marriages 1.

Sunday School Teachers 2; Scholars 15.

Contributions, from May 31st, '68, to Dec. 30th, '68, \$24.27.

All of which was appropriated within the Parish. The Assistant Minister's connection with this Parish ceased Jan. 1st, 1869.

R. H. B. MITCHELL, *Late Rector.*

W. D. MITCHELL, *Assistant.*

St. Mary Anne's Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 19, (of which were privately performed 11;) Confirmed, 2; Communicants, admitted 3; added by removal 3; lost by removal 4; lost by death 1; present number 56; Marriages 6; Burials 5.

Sunday School Teachers 4; Scholars 24.

Diocesan Convention of Easton.

Communion Alms \$36.66; all other Contributions \$169.62; Total receipts \$206.28.

Appropriated, within the Parish \$162.78; within the Diocese \$33.50; outside of Diocese \$5.00; Foreign Missions \$5.00; Total appropriations \$206.28.

During the past eight years this Parish, though having many difficulties to contend with, has grown to a very encouraging degree of strength.

In 1860 the number of Communicants was 16; present number 56. The total amount of Contributions \$41.82—Total amount of Contributions for the past year \$206.28. The Rector's salary was \$400; increased to \$800. The Parish Church at North East has been repaired at an expense of about \$2000; and a Parsonage secured about fifty yards from the Church. The Chapel near Perryville has been greatly improved by the addition of a Recess Chancel, Vestry and Choir, at a cost of about \$1200. A good Congregation has also been gathered in the flourishing town of Port Deposit, and a considerable sum subscribed towards building a church.

Application will be made to the present Convention for leave to organize a new Parish by the name and style of Susquehanna Parish; embracing the Chapel and the proposed Church in Port Deposit, with territory of the 6th, 7th and 8th election districts. The old Parish will embrace the Church and Parsonage in North East, with territory of the 5th and 9th districts.

This division is absolutely necessary for the growth and prosperity of the Church in this wide field.

L. H. JACKSON, *Rector.*

Port Deposit.

St. Stephen's Church, North Sassafras Parish.

The Rector of the above named Parish, having but recently entered upon his duties, has no statistics to report. Not being entitled to a seat in Convention, and at present being particularly engaged in the settlement of his family at the Rectory, he does not deem it necessary to be present at the meeting of that body. Number of Communicants 25.

THOS. F. BILLOPP, *Rector.*

Trinity Church.

Baptisms, Infant 27, (of which were privately performed 12;) colored 2; Confirmed 6; Communicants, admitted 6; added by removal 3; lost by removal 7; lost by death and otherwise 3; present number 55; Marriages 3; Burials 11.

Sunday School Teachers 11; Scholars 100.

Communion Alms \$33.45; all other Contributions \$183.65; Total receipts \$217.10.

Appropriated, within the Parish \$183.71; within the Diocese \$33.89; Total appropriations \$217.10.

We have secured a lot for a Parsonage, and hope it will not be long before our Church will be able to maintain comfortably those who minister among us. The people have been working slowly, but well.

R. H. B. MITCHELL, *Late Rector.*

W. D. MITCHELL, *Assistant.*

Elkton.

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DORCHESTER COUNTY.

Dorchester Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 3, (of which were privately performed 3;) colored 2; Communicants, admitted 4; added by removal 1; lost by removal 3; lost by death 2; present number, white 9; colored 1; Burials 4.

Communion Alms \$7.00; all other Contributions \$34.24; Total receipts \$41.24.

Appropriated, within the Parish \$27.30; within the Diocese \$8.94; outside of Diocese \$5.00; Total appropriations \$41.24.

The present time affords an opportunity to the Church to make herself known and felt, such as she has scarcely ever had in this Parish. All denominations and classes are beginning to see that she is the only sure place of refuge for troubled souls. The Rector very reluctantly gives up such a field. But his medical advisers tell him this climate does not suit his particular constitution.

SAMUEL D. HALL, *Rector.*

Church Creek.

East New Market Parish.

Baptisms 5; Marriages 3; Funeral 1; Confirmed 5; Communicants 17.

J. A. MCKENNEY, *Rector.*

Cambridge.

Great Choptank Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 17, (of which were privately performed 10;) Catechisings openly in Church monthly; Confirmed 16; Communicants, admitted 15; added by removal 8; lost by removal 6; lost by death and otherwise 5; present number 152; Marriages 4; Burials 10.

Sunday School Teachers 26; Scholars 144.

Communion Alms \$190.98; all other Contributions \$780.90; Total receipts \$971.88.

Appropriated, within the Parish \$522.61; within the Diocese \$403.00; outside of Diocese \$46.27; Total appropriations \$971.88.

The Rector thankfully acknowledges the kind and acceptable services of the Assistant Minister, the Rev. James L. Bryan, M. D.; without this invaluable aid, it would be impossible to supply the three congregations under his care.

THEO. P. BARBER, *Rector.*

JAMES L. BRYAN, *Assistant Minister.*

Cambridge.

Vienna Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 4; Adults 2; (of which were privately performed 2;) Confirmed 5; Communicants, admitted 4; lost by removal 1; present number 10.

It is the privilege of the undersigned to report decided progress and encouragement, as the result of another year's labor in this interesting

With the aid of kind friends at a distance, the Church is nearly finished. In a few weeks we hope to present it for consecration. There has been a considerable accession to the list of Communicants, and evident increase in the Congregation.

The Rector in charge simply holds this Parish as a missionary outpost, anxiously looking forward to the day when a *resident* minister shall relieve him from a duty which the imperative claims of his own Parish in Cambridge do not permit him adequately to discharge.

THEO. P. BARBER, *Rector.*

Cambridge.

KENT COUNTY.

Chester Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 14, (of which were privately performed 11;) Catechisings, openly in Church, Saints' days; Communicants, present number 50; Marriages 5; Burials 12.

Sunday School Teachers 12; Scholars about 60; Parochial School Teacher 1; Scholars 20.

Communion Alms \$109.13; all other Contributions \$1290.70; Total receipts \$1399.83.

Appropriated, within the Parish \$249.47; within the Diocese \$988.91; outside of Diocese \$151.45; Foreign Missions \$10; Total appropriations \$1399.83.

Of the Contributions \$193.46 was raised by the Missionary Society of the Parish, and distributed in various parts of the country, and \$891.00 paid to the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, interest and part principal of the sum subscribed in the Parish. Some few subscriptions were paid in full.

In addition to the above the ladies have contracted for a new Organ, to be built at a cost of \$800, which has been collected at various times, and the younger members of the congregation have raised \$142.55, for the use of the Sunday School, in the purchase of new library books, and in necessary repairs to the Sunday School Room.

E. H. C. GOODWIN, *Rector.*

Chestertown.

I. U. Parish.

Baptisms 6, (of which were privately performed 4;) Marriages 1; Funerals 2.

Communion Alms \$19.83; all other Contributions \$51.11; Total receipts \$60.94, appropriated principally within the Parish.

E. H. C. GOODWIN, *Rector.*

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North Kent Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 6; Adults 4; Confirmations 10; Communicants, added *Elkton* number 33; Marriages 2; Funerals 5; Offerings \$86.26.

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The undersigned resigned the Rectorship of this Parish on Easter Monday. It presents an inviting field of labor to an energetic man.

J. N. WATTSON, *Rector*.

Stevensville.

St. Paul's Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 4; Catechisings, openly in Church 5; Communicants, admitted 1; added by removal 5; lost by removal 4; lost by death 1; present number 44; Marriages 3; Burials 4.

Sunday School not yet organized.

Communion Alms \$53.04; all other Contributions \$226.40; Total receipts \$279.44.

Appropriated, within the Parish \$199.44; within the Diocese \$60.00; outside of Diocese \$20.00; Total appropriations \$279.44.

The preceding figures cover that portion of the year only between Sept. 6th, 1868, when the present incumbent assumed charge of the Parish, and May 30th, 1869, being reported up to date.

The statistics are to some extent imperfect, owing to local difficulties which the Rector hopes will soon be entirely removed. The contributions reported are *exclusive* of Rector's salary, and large contributions in kind, besides sums expended on improvements to the Glebe and Church, lessening the debt of the Parish, etc., which have not passed through his hands. The Parish gives every evidence of increasing growth and strength, and a development of interest in the Church encouraging to a high degree. A Sewing Society has been formed by the ladies, and a strong and united effort will soon be commenced to free the Church from debt. Large improvements have been made and are in progress on the Glebe and Rectory. An interesting class is awaiting the visit of the Bishop for Confirmation, and will add materially to the number of Communicants. Obstacles incident to a country Parish, and inclement seasons, have so far prevented the organization of a Sunday School, and interfered greatly with the public Catechisings and Catechetical Lectures, but the Rector has encouragement to hope that all difficulties in this direction may soon be overcome. Divine service has been held on the mornings of 37 Sundays and 5 other days, and occasionally in the afternoon. The Holy Eucharist has been celebrated 11 times in the Church, and twice in private to the sick.

R. WILSON, *Rector*.

Rees' Corner.

Shrewsbury Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 16; Adult 3; (of which were privately performed 14;) Communicants, admitted 1; added by removal 2; lost by removal 2; present number 38; Marriages 1; Burials 4.

Sunday School Teachers 5; Scholars 25.

Communion Alms \$39; all other Contributions \$154; Total receipts \$193.

Appropriated, within the Parish \$119; within the Diocese \$74; Total appropriations \$193.

Diocesan Convention of Easton.

The congregation at the Parish Church has increased during the past year, and a number of candidates for Confirmation are now awaiting the visitation of the Bishop.

The Contributions stated do not include the subscriptions to the Episcopal Fund, which have been collected in the Parish.

We still have the erection of a Church at Galena in contemplation, and expect to make a beginning as soon as we can collect the money which has been subscribed for the purpose. At this point services are held regularly every other Sunday afternoon, and the attendance is good.

J. T. HUTCHESON, *Rector.*

Galena.

Christ Church Parish, Kent Island.

The undersigned took charge of this Parish on April 1st. He found it, as might be expected after a long vacancy in the Rectorship, in woful plight; he is not able now to report its exact condition. It is hoped that by God's blessing on faithful endeavor this ancient Parish will renew its youth.

J. N. WATTSON, *Rector.*

Stevensville.

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY.

St. Luke's Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 6, (of which were privately performed 5;) Communicants, added by removal 3; lost by removal 3; present number 14; Marriages 5; Burials 3.

Sunday School Teachers 4; Scholars 9.

Communion Alms, less than \$3.00.

Appropriated within the Parish \$3.00.

About the twentieth of last July, a part of the Vestry invited me to officiate for them in this Parish. I did so, and have been doing so regularly to this time. The Communion Alms reported in the accompanying report, do not embrace those taken up at the Bishop's visitation.

THOMAS L. GREEN, *Presbyter.*

Church Hill.

St. Paul's Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 25; Adult 2; (of which were privately performed 8, of whom 2 were dying;) colored 4; Confirmed 27; Communicants, admitted 19; added by removal 8; lost by removal 6; lost by death 3; present number 96; Marriages 5; Burials 9.

Communion Alms \$149.96; all other Contributions \$299.56; Total receipts \$449.52.

Appropriated, within the Parish \$280.94; within the Diocese \$81.20; outside of Diocese \$87.65; Foreign Missions \$23.50; Total appropriations \$473.29.

In this report no mention has been made of the amount paid in during the year to the Episcopal Fund. There has also been a subscription of between three and four hundred dollars, to pay a debt due on the Rectory, which is not here included, as the whole amount has not yet been paid up.

We have a Sunday School which has been constantly kept up; but as the congregation is mostly from the country, the number of pupils in attendance varies so much that I cannot give a fair estimate of the condition of the School, without occupying more space than is here desirable.

ARISTIDES S. SMITH, *Rector.*

Centreville.

QUEEN ANNE'S AND TALBOT COUNTIES.

Wye Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 14 ; Adult 2 ; (of which were privately performed 9;) colored 3 ; Catechisings, openly in Church, several times ; Confirmed 5 ; Communicants, admitted 3 ; added by removal 3 ; lost by removal 5 ; lost by death and otherwise 2 ; present number 44 ; Marriages, white 3 ; colored 4 ; Burials 5.

Communion Alms \$72.16 ; all other Contributions \$226.99 ; Total receipts \$299.15.

Appropriated, within the Parish \$248.30 ; within the Diocese \$30.85 ; outside of Diocese \$20.00 ; Total appropriations \$299.15.

Within the last two months, a Mission has been established at Wye Landing. Besides the contributions above reported, the sum of \$65 has been collected for the purchase of an organ.

LUCIEN C. LANCE, *Rector.*

Wye Mills.

SOMERSET COUNTY.

Coventry Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 10 ; colored 3 ; Confirmed 6 ; Communicants, admitted 2 ; added by removal 3 ; lost by removal 3 ; lost by death 1 ; present number 68 ; Marriages 2 ; Burials 3.

Sunday offerings \$42.00.

Appropriated, within the Parish and Diocese \$42.00.

On the 1st of March last, I resigned the Rectorship of this Parish, which still continues vacant.

JOHN CROSDALE, *Late Rector.*

Somerset Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 11 ; Adult 1 ; (of which were privately performed 4;) colored 1 ; Catechisings openly in Church, evrey Sunday ; Confirmed 14 ; Communicants, admitted 16 ; added by removal 10 ; lost by removal 3 ; lost by death and otherwise 4 ; present number 187 ; Marriages 9 ; Burials 6.

Diocesan Convention of Easton.

Sunday School Teachers 12; Scholars 75.

Communion Alms \$195.91; all other Contributions \$1,762.14; Total receipts \$1,958.05.

Appropriated, within the Parish \$1136.55; within the Diocese \$761.00; for Nashotah \$60.50; Total appropriations \$1,958.05.

JOHN O. BARTON, *Rector.*

Princess Anne.

SOMERSET AND WORCESTER COUNTIES.

Pocomoke Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 23; Adult 4; Confirmed 24; Communicants, admitted 18; added by removal 2; lost by removal 9; lost by death and otherwise 2; present number 74; Marriages 1; Burials 7.

Sunday School Teachers 6; Scholars 45; Parochial School Teachers 1; Scholars 30.

Episcopal Fund \$162; Communion Alms \$25; Sunday offerings \$116; Total receipts \$303.

Mostly appropriated within the Parish and Diocese.

JOHN CROSDALE, *Rector.*

Newtown.

TALBOT COUNTY.

St. Michael's Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 5; Adult 2; (of which were privately performed 1;) colored 3; Catechisings, openly in Church 12; Confirmed 18; Communicants, admitted 20; added by removal 1; lost by removal 5; lost by death 1; present number, white 93; colored 1; Marriages 4; Burials 2.

Sunday School Teachers 5; Scholars about 60.

Communion Alms \$109.19; all other Contributions \$340.25; Total receipts \$449.44.

Appropriated, within the Parish \$109.19; within the Diocese \$280.00; outside of Diocese \$60.25; paid to the Episcopal Fund \$1010; Total appropriations \$1459.44.

ERASTUS F. DASHIELL, *Rector.*

St. Michael's.

St. Peter's Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 21; Adult 2; Catechisings openly in Church, once a month; Confirmed 22; Communicants, admitted 21; added by removal 8; lost by removal and death 5; present number 110; Marriages 7; Burials 6.

Sunday School Teachers 15; Scholars 106.

Mission Sunday School at Easton Point, Teachers 6; Scholars 51.

Parochial School Teachers 2; Scholars 30.

Communion offerings, in which are included special offerings for Church improvements, Missions, &c., \$946.25; all other Contributions \$410.96; amount of principal and interest paid in to Episcopal Fund \$768.20; Total receipts \$2,125.41.

Appropriated, within the Parish \$1,155.44; within the Diocese \$157.57; Episcopal Fund \$768.20; outside of Diocese \$44.20; Total appropriations \$2,125.41.

The undersigned entered upon the Rectorship of this Parish on All Saints Day, Nov. 1st, 1868. The above report contains the record of Ministerial and Parochial work, from that day to the present time, and also includes the record of two Baptisms, one Marriage, and two Funerals, with the Sunday offerings, during the vacancy in the Parish.

Several important works of Church improvement have been accomplished, and others are contemplated at an early period. The steeple and front exterior of the Church have been painted; additional gas-lights have been introduced into the Church; an iron fence, two hundred and forty-five feet long, to inclose the Church grounds, is about to be erected. The Vestry and Congregation have heartily co-operated with the Rector in the several works to which their attention has been called. The Ladies' Church Aid Society renders most efficient help in all departments of Parish work. Through their agency the Rectory has been painted, and put in thorough repair.

An interesting Mission Sunday School, conducted by a lady of the Parish, is in successful operation at Easton Point, and under her efficient management promises results of permanent good for the Church in that locality.

O. HUTTON, *Rector.*

Easton.

Holy Trinity Church.

Baptisms, Infant 2; Confirmed 1; Communicants, present number 12.

Sunday School Teachers 5; Scholars 40.

Contributions \$25.00.

Appropriated, within the Parish \$12.00; within the Diocese \$13.00; Total appropriations \$25.00.

The Confirmations and Communicants are included in the report of the Rev. J. A. Mitchell, of Southern St. Peter's, who performs service at Oxford.

T. TILGHMAN, *Warden.*

Oxford.

Whitemarsh Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 17, (of which were privately performed 7;) colored 1; Catechisings, openly in Church monthly; Confirmed 22; Communicants, admitted 22; lost by removal 1; lost by death 2; present number 68; Marriages 3; Burials 7.

Sunday School Teachers 10; Scholars about 50.

HOUSE REPORTS.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE EPISCOPAL FUND.

To the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Easton:

The Trustees of the Episcopal Fund respectfully submit the report of the Treasurer, with a suggestion that his work may be lightened if collectors of the parishes will see that interest is *exactly* paid, and that principal and interest are reported in separate columns to the Treasurer, always with subscribers' names.

They would also suggest that the collection of the second instalment, due Dec. 1st, 1869, be not too long deferred, and that the Rectors of the parishes might possibly aid the appointed agents in reforming the irregularities and delays, which the treasurer has had occasion to refer to in his correspondence with agents in some parts of the Diocese.

RICH'D B. CARMICHAEL,
W. S. WALKER,
GEO. R. GOLDSBOROUGH,
J. L. ADKINS,
EDM'D L. F. HARDCASTLE.

EASTON, *June 10, 1869.*

To the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Easton:

GENTLEMEN:—The Treasurer presents the accompanying tabular statement of the condition of the Episcopal Fund on the 9th of June, 1869.

By resolution of the Board, lists of subscribers were sent to the several parishes, with the request that collectors be appointed, instructed to remit to the Treasurer, as fast as collected, the one-tenth of subscription or first instalment, and twelve months' interest on amount subscribed, due Dec. 1st, 1868.

The call was more or less promptly responded to by the parishes, with a few exceptions. Some have paid their dues fully, or nearly—the entire subscription being paid in individual cases. Others have, so far, paid little or nothing. The payment looks large by the table, on the principal account, but it is the result of the cancelling of the whole amount, subscribed by persons in two or three of the parishes. It is easy to see, by reference to the statement, that entire parishes have paid nothing on account either of principal or interest.

The interest column will show the tardiness somewhere within the Diocese.

The interest due is.....\$2,214.30

The payments amounting only to..... 1,558.30

Deficiency..... \$656.00

The table shows that the amount subscribed is.....\$36,905

Add to this the seven thousand 5-20 U. S. Bonds, set
off by the Diocese of Maryland, valued at \$7,630,

not yet delivered 7,000

\$43,905

The interest on the above, if it nets 6 per cent., will be a little over twenty-five hundred dollars.

As fast as payments are made on the principal, it is hoped that they will be invested in such securities as will yield fully the above rate of interest.

These receipts up to this time amount to\$3,900.25

INVESTED AS FOLLOWS:

2000 Maryland Defence Loan, cost..... \$2,000.00

9 Shares Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road, cost.....1,082.50

3,082.50

Leaving for investment..... \$817.75

Interest receipts to date amount to..... \$1,558.30

DISBURSED AS FOLLOWS:

Paid to the Bishop of the Diocese on account of salary...\$625.00

Retained by Agent 55.00

Stationary and Stamps..... 5.00

\$685.00

Leaving a balance to pay salary of Bishop, of.....\$873.30

J. L. ADKINS, *Treasurer.*

EASTON, June 9, 1869.

**TABULAR STATEMENT of subscriptions to the EPISCOPAL FUND of the
DIOCESE OF EASTON, with amounts due and paid by the several
parishes.**

COUNTIES AND PARISHES.	Subscriptions by Parishes.	DUE.		PAID.	
		1-10th of Principal first Instal- ment.	Interest 12 Months	Principal	Interest.
KENT COUNTY.					
Chester Parish.....	\$2,475.00	\$247.50	148.50	\$742.50	\$148.50
North Kent Parish.....	1,340.00	134.00	80.40		
St. Paul's ".....	660.00	66.00	39.60	79.50	21.00
I. U. ".....	1,140.00	114.00	68.40	56.50	30.90
Shrewsbury ".....	1,985.00	198.50	116.10	949.50	78.90
QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY.					
Christ Church Parish, K. L.....	450.00	45.00	27.00	45.00	27.00
St. Paul's ".....	2,400.00	240.00	144.00		
St. Luke's ".....	725.00	72.50	43.50	15.00	9.00
TALBOT AND QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY.					
Wye Parish.....	1,600.00	160.00	96.00	160.00	96.00
TALBOT COUNTY.					
St. Peter's Parish.....	4,510.00	451.00	270.60	514.50	253.70
St. Michael's ".....	5,400.00	540.00	324.00	725.00	225.00
Whitemarsh ".....	1,650.00	165.00	99.00	176.25	99.00
Church of the Holy Trinity, Oxford...	125.00	12.50	7.50	2.50	1.50
DORCHESTER COUNTY.					
Great Choptank Parish.....	2,045.00	204.50	122.70	319.00	95.70
Dorchester ".....	585.00	58.50	35.10	42.50	25.50
East New Market ".....	500.00	50.00	30.00	50.00	30.00
CAROLINE COUNTY.					
St. John's Parish.....	200.00	20.00	12.00	20.00	12.00
WORCESTER COUNTY.					
Worcester Parish.....	1,690.00	169.00	101.40		
All Hallows ".....	950.00	95.00	57.00	92.50	55.50
WICOMICO COUNTY.					
Spring Hill Parish.....	2,330.00	233.00	139.80	170.00	102.00
SOMERSET AND WORCESTER Co's.					
Pocomoke Parish.....	1,020.00	102.00	61.20	102.00	61.10
SOMERSET COUNTY.					
Somerset Parish.....	2,925.00	292.50	175.50	313.00	111.00
Coventry ".....	250.00	25.00	15.00	25.00	15.00
	\$36,905.00	\$3690.50	\$2214.30	\$3800.25	\$1558.30

ASSESSMENT OF THE PARISHES *in the* DIOCESE OF EASTON, *as*
reported by the Committee appointed by the Convention of 1869.

CECIL COUNTY.

Augustine Parish, Rev. W. D. Mitchell.....	\$10 00
North Elk Parish, Rev. L. H. Jackson.....	15 00
North Sassafras Parish.....	30 00
Trinity Church, Elkton, Rev. W. D. Mitchell.....	20 00

DORCHESTER COUNTY.

Dorchester Parish, Rev. S. D. Hall.....	5 00
East New Market Parish, Rev. J. A. McKenney.....	5 00
Great Choptank Parish, Rev. Theo. P. Barber.....	30 00
Vienna Parish, Rev. Theo. P. Barber.....	5 00

KENT COUNTY.

Chester Parish, Rev. E. H. C. Goodwin.....	30 00
I. U. Parish.....	10 00
North Kent Parish.....	30 00
St. Paul's Parish, Rev. Rob't Wilson.....	25 00
Shrewsbury Parish, Rev. J. T. Hutcheson.....	30 00

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY.

Christ Church Parish, (K. L,) Rev. J. N. Wattson.....	30 00
St. Luke's Parish.....	5 00
St. Paul's Parish, (Centreville,) Rev. A. S. Smith.....	30 00

QUEEN ANNE'S AND TALBOT COUNTIES.

Wye Parish, Rev. Lucien C. Lance.....	20 00
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SOMERSET COUNTY.

Coventry Parish, Rev. J. Crosdale.....	10 00
Somerset Parish, Rev. J. O. Barton.....	30 00

SOMERSET AND WORCESTER COUNTIES.

Pocomoke Parish, Rev. J. Crosdale.....	10 00
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TALBOT COUNTY.

St. Michael's Parish, Rev. E. F. Dashiell.....	30 00
St. Peter's Parish, Rev. Orlando Hutton.....	30 00
Church of the Holy Trinity, Gen. T. Tilghman, Lay Del.....	10 00
Whitemarsh Parish, Rev. J. A. Mitchell.....	30 00

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WICOMICO COUNTY.

St. Matthew's Parish, E. E. Holloway, Lay Del.....	5 00
Spring Hill Parish, Rev. Meyer Lewin.....	30 00
Stepney Parish.....	5 00

WORCESTER COUNTY.

All Hallows' Parish, Rev. W. Fulton.....	20 00
Worcester Parish.....	20 00

Total amount.....\$560 00

All of which I respectfully submit,

GEO. R. GOLDSBOROUGH, *Chairman.*

Amounts received by the COMMITTEE ON PAROCHIAL CONTRIBUTIONS,

June 11th, 1869.

St. Paul's Parish, Kent Co.....	\$25 00
Trinity Church, Elkton, Cecil Co.....	20 00
Shrewsbury Parish, Kent Co.....	20 00
St. Luke's Parish, Queen Anne's Co.....	5 00
All Hallows' Parish, Worcester Co.....	20 00
St. John's Parish, Caroline Co.....	5 00
St. Mary Ann's Parish, Cecil Co.....	15 00
St. Paul's Parish, Queen Anne's Co.....	30 00
Christ Church Parish, Kent Island, Q. A. Co.....	30 00
Vienna Parish, Dorchester Co.....	5 00
I. U. Parish, Kent Co.....	10 00
Spring Hill Parish, Wicomico Co.....	20 00
St. Michael's Parish, Talbot Co.....	30 00
East New Market Parish, Dorchester Co.....	5 00
Somerset Parish, Somerset Co.....	30 00
Great Choptank Parish, Cambridge, Dorchester Co.....	30 00
Chester Parish, Chestertown, Kent Co.....	30 00
	<u>\$330 00</u>

The Committee on Parochial Contributions report to the Convention, that they have received Three Hundred and Thirty Dollars, (\$330.00), leaving a balance due of Two Hundred and Thirty Dollars, (\$230.00) up to this date, June 11th, 1869.

GEO. R. GOLDSBOROUGH, *Chairman.*

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

In the performance of the duty assigned to us, as a Committee on the State of the Church, by the Primary Convention of the Diocese in November, 1868, we find but few events legitimately belonging to our report. But, while few in number, there is one of such importance that it should not be passed by without notice. We refer to the change which has taken place in our Ecclesiastical relations within the last few months. The nine counties of the Eastern Shore have ceased to be a part of the Diocese of Maryland, and are now acting under a separate and independent organization, with a Bishop at its head, engaged in the functions of his sacred office.

From others, rather than from your Committee, should come the recommendation of measures designed to give strength and efficiency to the new state of things under which we are henceforth to act. We therefore, as a Committee, forbear to recommend any such measures, whatever we may do in our individual capacity as members of this Convention. The change referred to involves solemn and weighty responsibilities, which are not confined to a few or even the whole body of the clergy, but rest with full force on the laity also.

To the Convention—the representative council of the Diocese—pertains the duty of framing laws for the government of the Church in the future. Under God, much of her success depends on the character of this work to which we are now called. But we would remind our brethren of the clergy and laity, that whatever wisdom we may bring to the important business of shaping our institutions and laws, however faultless all external regulations may be, however zealously and disinterestedly we may have acquitted ourselves in *legislating* for the Church, we shall have discharged but a small part of our responsibility. *At home*, each in his appropriate sphere—the clergy in preaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments as Christ has ordained and “as this Church hath received the same,” and the laity in conscientious efforts, by precept and example, for the diffusion of pure and undefiled religion—we must labor heartily and unitedly to meet our Christian obligations and to discharge the duties of our high calling. Thus living and acting, with unceasing supplication for the Spirit of the Most High to give success to our efforts, we may expect that God will bless us, and that His work will prosper in our hands.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. MCKENNEY, *Chairman*.
A. S. SMITH,
JOHN O. BARTON,
TENCH TILGHMAN.

June 9th, 1869.

LIST OF PARISHES AND CONGREGATIONS

IN THE DIOCESE OF EASTON.

1. *Original Parishes*, in existence at the time of the organization of the Diocese of Maryland.

Augustine Parish, Cecil Co.
 North Elk Parish, "
 North Sassafras Parish, Cecil Co.
 South Sassafras (at Shrewsbury) Parish, Kent Co.
 Chester Parish, Kent Co.
 St. Paul's Parish, "
 St. Luke's Parish, Queen Anne Co.
 St. Paul's Parish, " "
 Christ Church (at Broad Creek) Parish, Queen Anne Co.
 St. John's Parish, Caroline Co.
 St. Mary Whitechapel Parish, Caroline Co.
 St. Michael's Parish, Talbot Co.
 St. Peter's Parish, "
 Dorchester Parish, Dorchester Co.
 Great Choptank Parish, "
 Somerset Parish, Somerset Co.
 Stepney Parish, Somerset (now Wicomico) Co.
 Coventry Parish, Somerset and Worcester Counties.
 All Hallows' Parish, Worcester Co.
 Worcester (at St. Martin's) Parish, Worcester Co.

In all : 20.

2. *Parishes established and Churches organized*, by Act or Resolution of Convention. (In the order of their creation.)

Spring Hill Par., Somerset (now Wicomico) Co. By Act, 1827. Jo., pp. 13, 15.
 Trinity Church, Elkton, Cecil Co. Congr., 1832. Jo., pp. 7, 15.
 East New Market Parish, Dorchester Co. By Act, 1836. Jo., pp. 20, 21.
 Vienna Parish, Dorchester Co. By Act, 1836. Jo., pp. 20, 21.
 [St. John's Parish, Worcester Co. By Act, 1843. Jo., p.
 Since restored to All Hallows' Parish. By Act, 1862. Jo., p. 8.]
 Wicomico Parish, Somerset Co. By Act, 1848.
 (Previously Grace Church, Hungary Neck. Congr., 1845.)
 St. Matthew's Parish, Worcester (now Wicomico) Co. By Act, 1849.
 North Kent Parish, Kent Co. By Act, 1855.
 Pocomoke Parish, Somerset and Worcester Cos. By Act, 1855.
 Whitmarsh Parish, Talbot Co. By Act, 1859. Jo., p. 107.
 Wye Parish, Queen Anne and Talbot Cos. By Act, 1860.
 Church of the Holy Trinity, Oxford, Talbot Co. Congr., 1852. Jo., p. 37.
 I. U. Parish, Kent Co. By Act, 1863. Jo., p. 6.

In all : 10 Parishes and 2 Congregations.

CONSECRATIONS OF CHURCHES AND CHAPELS

IN THE DIOCESE OF EASTON.

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- Christ Church, Easton, (Claggett.) July 10, 1803. Ms. Sentence : *Penes me.*
 St. Michael's Church, St. Michael's, Talbot Co., (Kemp.) Nov. 17, 1814.
 Jo., '15, p. 9.
 St. Stephen's Church, N. Sassafras Parish, Cecil Co., (Kemp.) June 28, 1824.
 Jo., '25, p. 7.
 Trinity Church, Elkton, Cecil Co., (Stone.) Nov. 23, 1832. Jo., '33, p. 9.
 St. Paul's Church, (1st) Centreville, " Jul- 22, 1835. Jo., '38, p. 9.
 St. Mary's Ch., Tyaskin, Stepney Par., (Doane.) April 18, '39. Jo., '39, p. 19.
 St. John's Church, Miles River Ferry, " April 21, '39. Jo., '39, p. 20.
 Shrewsbury Church, Shrewsbury Parish, Kent Co., (W. R. W.) Oct. 19, '40.
 1 Reg., fol. 5.
 Christ Church, Kent Island, (W. R. W.) March 9, 1841. 1 Reg., fol. 19.
 St. Luke's Chapel, Queenstown, (W. R. W.) April 21, 1842. Jo., '42, p. 36.
 St. Augustine's Ch., Cecil Co., (W. R. W.) Nov. 29, 1842. 1 Reg., fol. 31.
 St. Paul's Church, St. Paul's Parish, Kent Co., (W. R. W.) Nov. 26, 1843.
 1 Reg., fol. 77.
 St. Mark's Chapel, Christ Church Parish, Queen Anne Co., (W. R. W.) Nov.
 30, 1843. 1 Reg., fol. 80.
 St. Mary's Ch., North East, Cecil Co., (W. R. W.) Sept. 3, 1844. 1 Reg., fol. 84.
 St. Mark's Chapel, North Elk Parish, Cecil Co., (W. R. W.) Aug. 7, 1845.
 1 Reg., fol. 91.
 All Saints' Church, Monie, Somerset Parish, (W. R. W.) Nov. 10, 1845.
 1 Reg., fol. 104.
 St. Andrew's Church, Princess Anne, Somerset Parish, (W. R. W.) Nov.
 11, 1845. 1 Reg., fol. 108.
 St. Mary's Church, Newtown, Worcester Co., (W. R. W.) Nov. 13, 1845.
 1 Reg., fol. 111.
 St. John's Church, All Hallows' Parish, Worcester Co., (W. R. W.) Nov. 16,
 1845. 1 Reg., fol. 115.
 St. Martin's Church, Worcester Parish, Worcester Co., (W. R. W.) Nov. 19,
 1845. 1 Reg., fol. 118.
 St. Philip's Church, Quantico, Somerset Co., (W. R. W.) Nov. 22, 1845.
 1 Reg., fol. 122.
 St. Mark's Church, Kingston, Coventry Parish, (W. R. W.) June 2, 1846.
 1 Reg., fol. 140.
 Christ Church, Easton, (2d), (W. R. W.) June 3, 1847. 1 Reg., fol. 160.
 St. Paul's Church, Annapessex, Coventry Parish, (W. R. W.) Dec. 21, 1848.
 1 Reg., fol. 186.
 Grace Church, Hungary Neck, Somerset Co., (W. R. W.) Dec. 28, 1848.
 1 Reg., fol. 191.
 St. Matthew's Ch., Worcester Co., (W. R. W.) Dec. 11, 1849. 1 Reg., fol. 200.
 St. Stephen's Church, Dividing Creek, Coventry Parish, (W. R. W.) Dec. 13,
 1849. 1 Reg., fol. 203.

- St Stephen's Ch., E. New Market, (W. R. W.) Dec. 19, 1850. 1 Reg., fol. 219.
Church of the Holy Cross, Sandy Hill, Worcester Co., (W. R. W.) July 10, 1851. 1 Reg., fol. 236.
St. John's Church, Castle Haven, Dorchester Co., (W. R. W.) April 16, 1853. 1 Reg., fol. 268.
Trinity Church, Dorchester Parish, Dorchester Co., (W. R. W.) April 17, 1853. 1 Reg., fol. 268.
St. Luke's Ch., Wye, Talbot Co., (W. R. W.) July 20, 1854. 1 Reg., fol. 304.
St. Clement's Church, North Kent Parish, Kent Co., (W. R. W.) April 19, 1855. 1 Reg., fol. 318.
St. Paul's Ch., (2d) Centreville, (W. R. W.) May 24, 1855. 1 Reg. fol. 154.
St. Paul's Church, Hillsborough, Caroline Co., (W. R. W.) Oct. 28, 1858. 1 Reg., fol. 401.
St. Paul's Church, Royal Oak, St. Michael's Parish, (W. R. W.) Nov. 3, 1859. 1 Reg., fol. 416.
Christ Ch., I. U. Par., Kent Co., (W. R. W.) Nov. 10, 1860. 1 Reg. fol. 439.
Trinity Ch., Elkton, (2d), Cecil Co., (Kerfoot.) June 11, 1867. 1 Reg., fol. 486.

The foregoing lists were prepared by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Maryland, and are deemed of so much interest as to deserve a place in the Appendix to the Journal.

H. C. L.

CONSTITUTION,

AS APPROVED BY THE CONVENTION, JUNE 10TH, 1869.

ARTICLE I.

THIS Church, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, accedes to the Constitution of that Church, and acknowledges the authority of its Canons.

ARTICLE II.

There shall be a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this diocese, on the first Wednesday of June in every year, in such place as shall be determined by the Convention.

ARTICLE III.

The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen. The Bishop, and assistant Bishop, if there be one, shall have a seat and vote in the Convention.

Every clergyman of this Church, of whatever order, being a settled minister or an assistant minister of some parish or separate congregation, acknowledged as such by this Convention, within this diocese, or being a missionary under the Ecclesiastical authority of this diocese, or being otherwise employed in the sacred work of the ministry, with the sanction of the Bishop and Standing Committee, or if there be no Bishop, of the Standing Committee only, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, if he has been canonically resident within this diocese for the space of six calendar months next before the meeting of the Convention;

Provided, That no clergyman who has been once entitled to a seat in Convention shall lose his right to a seat therein, by reason of his having ceased, on account of age or infirm health, to have charge of a parish, or to be an assistant minister therein, or to be a missionary as aforesaid, or to be employed in the sacred work of the ministry with the sanction of the Bishop and Standing Committee;

Provided also, That no clergyman under Ecclesiastical censure shall have a seat or vote in Convention.

The laymen shall consist of one delegate from each parish, chosen by the vestry thereof, or, if there be no vestry, by the congregation from among the parishioners;

Provided, That every parish having more than one officiating minister, who hath been regularly and canonically elected, shall be entitled to send as many

delegates as it has ministers who are entitled to seats in the Convention. But before any lay delegate shall take his seat, he shall subscribe the following declaration :

“ I do hereby declare my belief in the Christian religion, and attachment to the Protestant Episcopal Church, and profess myself a member thereof.”

ARTICLE IV.

Eight members of the clerical and eight of the lay order, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business ; but a smaller number may adjourn.

ARTICLE V.

In all matters that shall come before the Convention, the clergy and laity shall deliberate in one body ; but, if upon any question it shall be required by five members, the two orders shall vote separately ; and the concurrence of a majority of each order shall be necessary to give validity to any measure.

ARTICLE VI.

The election of a Bishop of this Church shall be made in Convention in the following manner : The order of the clergy shall vote, by ballot, for some fit and qualified clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, for that office ; and the vote of two-thirds of that order shall be requisite to constitute a choice. Also, and separately, the order of the laity shall vote, by ballot, for some fit and qualified clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, for that office ; and the votes of two-thirds of that order shall be requisite to constitute a choice ; and a concurrence of both orders, by a majority of two-thirds of each order, shall be necessary for the due election of a Bishop ;

Provided, That whenever it shall be proposed to elect an assistant Bishop of this diocese, notice thereof shall be given at an Annual Convention, and the election shall take place at the succeeding Annual Convention.

ARTICLE VII.

The Bishop of the Church in this diocese shall be President of the Convention ; in which character it shall be his duty to give to the Convention, as often as he may deem expedient, a general view of the state of the Church ; to call special conventions at whatever times and places he may think necessary ; to preserve order during the time of session ; to put the question, collect the votes, and declare the decision. He shall not enter into debate ; but he may deliver his sentiments on any subject after it has been discussed, before a vote thereon.

ARTICLE VIII.

In case of a vacancy in the Episcopal Office, the Convention, immediately upon their assembling, shall choose, by joint ballot, a President from among the order of Priests, who shall remain in office until the next election of a President. He shall perform all the duties and possess all the privileges above specified ; but he shall not call special meetings of the Convention, unless applied to for that purpose by a majority of the Standing Committee. And if while there is a Bishop in this Church he shall not be present at any meeting of the Convention, they shall elect, in the manner aforesaid, a President “ *pro tempore*.”

ARTICLE IX.

A Secretary shall likewise be chosen, immediately upon the assembling of the Annual Convention, by a joint ballot, who shall remain in office until the next election of a Secretary. *Provided*, that if only one person be nominated, a ballot may be dispensed with. His duty shall be to make minutes of their proceedings, to preserve their journals and records, to attest the public acts of the body, and faithfully to deliver into the hands of his successor all books and papers relative to the concerns of the Convention, which may be in his possession. It shall be his duty to notify, through the channel of such public papers as he may think proper, the time and place appointed for the meeting of the succeeding Convention.

ARTICLE X.

A Treasurer shall be annually chosen by the joint ballot of the Convention, who shall remain in office until the election of a successor. *Provided*, that if only one person be nominated, a ballot may be dispensed with. His duties shall be those usually appertaining to that office; and he shall annually report to the Convention an account of its funds. In the event of a vacancy by death or otherwise, the Bishop may appoint a Treasurer *pro tempore*, who shall continue in office until the next meeting of the Convention. And he shall deliver over to his successor all books and property in his custody.

ARTICLE XI.

Before the adjournment of each Annual Convention, a Standing Committee, consisting of five members, shall be chosen from among the order of priests by a joint ballot of the clergy and laity; and if a vacancy shall occur by death, removal, resignation, or otherwise, the remaining members, or a majority of them, shall be authorized to fill such vacancy; always supplying the vacancy by one of the order of priests. In all elections of committees by joint ballot, no member of the said committee shall be elected unless he shall receive a majority of the votes of all the attending members.

ARTICLE XII.

This Constitution shall be unalterable, except in the following manner: A proposition for any change shall be introduced in writing, and considered in Convention; and, if approved of, the same shall be transmitted to the several vestries of the parishes and separate congregations entitled to representation in the Convention. And if again approved of, in the next ensuing Convention, by a majority of the respective orders voting thereon separately, the change shall take place, and the Constitution so altered shall be valid and obligatory.

CANONS,

AS PASSED BY THE CONVENTION, JUNE 10TH, 1869.

CANON I.

Of the titles of Clergymen to seats in Convention.

No clergyman removing from another diocese into this diocese, shall be entitled to a seat in the Convention as having been regularly and canonically elected into a parish or separate congregation, unless it shall have been signified to the Secretary of the Convention by the Ecclesiastical authority, that he had furnished the certificate required by Title I., Canon 12, Sec. VII., (1 and 2), of the Digest of the General Convention.

No clergyman shall be entitled to a seat in the Convention on the ground that he is employed in the sacred work of the ministry with the sanction of the Bishop and Standing Committee, unless at least three months before the meeting of the Convention, he shall have furnished to the Secretary a certificate to that effect.

CANON II.

Absentees from the Convention to be noted.

At every meeting of the Convention it shall be the duty of the Secretary to report the names of such clergymen entitled to seats as may have absented themselves from two successive Conventions, and the Convention shall take such order thereon as may be deemed expedient.

CANON III.

Of the Erection of New Parishes or Congregations.

No part of a parish shall separate itself from the residue thereof as a distinct parish, nor shall any number of members of the Protestant Episcopal Church in any parish associate themselves as a separate congregation therein, without first obtaining leave of the Convention, who shall judge of the necessity and expediency of such separation. And leave thus obtained for such separation or association, shall be a guarantee that the parties interested shall, on application, be received into union with this Convention,

Provided, however, that no parish or congregation, although constituted with the consent of the Convention, shall be considered as a part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this diocese, without a strict conformity on the part of such parish or congregation to the use of the liturgy of the said Church, nor without a compliance, in case of a parish, with the provisions of the act entitled, "An act for the establishment of Vestries for each Parish in this State," passed November session, 1798, or, in case of a congregation, with the provisions of the Act of Assembly of 1868.

CANON IV.

Provision for defraying certain Expenses.

The vestry of each parish or Church shall, at every annual Convention, pay to the Treasurer such sums as may be required from them respectively, by resolution of the Convention, from time to time, for the purpose of paying the salary of the Bishop, the travelling expenses of the Standing Committee and the delegates to the General Convention, printing the Journal, compensation to the Secretary, and other incidental expenses of the Convention.

CLERICAL DISCIPLINE.

CANON V.

Of offences for which a Clergyman may be brought to trial.

Every presbyter or deacon of this Diocese who shall wilfully disobey the Constitution, or any canon, of the General Convention of this Church, or of this Diocese, or any rubric, or shall fall into a general neglect of public worship, or engage in gaming or any other vicious or corrupting amusement, or shall frequent places most liable to be abused to licentiousness, or commit any disorderly or scandalous action, or violate any of the Divine precepts, or his ordination vow, or shall teach or publicly avow any heretical doctrine, or shall without lawful cause discontinue the exercise of the ministerial office, or separate himself from the communion of the Church, shall be liable to Ecclesiastical trial and censure.

CANON VI.

Of the mode of instituting Proceedings against Clergymen.

Whenever the Bishop shall, either from his own observation, or from any information which he shall deem worthy of notice, have reason to believe that there are grounds for an investigation into the conduct of any priest or deacon of this diocese, he may in his discretion convene the Standing Committee, and lay before them the information in his possession. And whenever the Standing Committee, or a majority of them, shall, from any information so laid before them by the Bishop, or from any other information which they, or a majority of them, may think worthy of notice, be of opinion that it is proper that a judicial investigation of the conduct of any priest or deacon should take place, they shall present that fact to the Bishop, with such a general statement of the facts of the case as may serve for a groundwork upon which charges may be drawn. It shall be the duty of the Bishop, upon the receipt of such presentment, to cause the charge or charges to be drawn up in such form as will, with reasonable certainty, give to the accused notice of the particular matters charged as offences. The style of the charge or charges shall be, "Articles or charges against — —, exhibited on behalf of the Church to the Bishop of the Diocese of Easton, by — —, acting as Church Advocate in consequence of a presentment made to the said Bishop by the Standing Committee of the said diocese."

CANON VII.

Of Advocates and of Parties.

Whenever it shall be determined to bring to trial any clergyman, the Bishop shall appoint one person as Church Advocate, whose duty it shall be to prepare the charges and conduct the trial on the part of the Church. It shall also be his duty to reduce the charges into form. He shall conduct the case with a single eye to eliciting the truth, and shall regard himself as much bound to protect the interests of the accused, except in matters merely technical, as those of the Church. The Church Advocate shall be considered the party on the one side and the accused on the other. The accused shall have a right to call in any one person whom he may choose to assist him.

CANON VIII.

Of Ecclesiastical Courts.

There shall be an Ecclesiastical Court for the Diocese of Easton, to try any such charges as may be preferred against any priest or deacon of said Diocese. It shall be composed of three presbyters, not members of the Standing Committee. They shall be elected by ballot, at the regular session of the Diocesan Convention, once in three years, and shall continue in office until others shall have been chosen in their places. The Bishop, by and with the advice and consent of a majority of the Standing Committee, shall have power to fill all vacancies which may occur by death, resignation, removal from the diocese, or election into the Episcopate or Standing Committee, until the meeting of the next Annual Convention. The Court may appoint a layman, learned in the law, who shall act as assessor, and who shall be present at all the proceedings. It shall be his duty to give his opinion on any question of law which may arise, upon which the Court or any member thereof may desire his opinion. But he shall have no voice in the decision of any question. Whenever a charge or charges against any priest or deacon of this Diocese shall have been reduced to writing by the Church Advocate, agreeably to the provisions of the canons, it shall be his duty to deliver to the Bishop two copies of the same signed with his own hand. It shall then be the duty of the Bishop to transmit one of the said copies to the accused, together with notice of the time and place of trial, both of which the Bishop shall prescribe. The charges and notice shall be delivered to the accused or left at his place of abode, at least thirty days before the time appointed for the trial. The Bishop shall also issue a precept, directed to all the members of the Ecclesiastical Court, requiring them to proceed to the trial of the accused, at the prescribed time and place; which precept, together with another copy of the charges signed by the Church Advocate, shall be transmitted by the Bishop to the President of the Court, whose duty it shall be, upon receipt of the same, to cause all the members of the Court to be summoned to meet at the prescribed time and place. It shall be the duty of the members of the Court to convene immediately after the election, at a time and place to be appointed by the Bishop. And they shall elect from their own body a President. And they shall also appoint a Secretary. It shall be the duty of the Secretary, within five days after such election, and after every change in the office of President, to notify the Bishop of the name of the person chosen President.

CANON IX.

Provisions relative to Discipline during a vacancy in the Episcopal Office.

In case of a vacancy in the Episcopal office, the President of the Convention for the time being, shall have and exercise all the powers relating to discipline, given to the Bishop by the canons, except such as belong exclusively to the Episcopal Order.

If the President of the Convention shall himself be the person accused, any two members of the Standing Committee may apply to any Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, to exercise the powers of the Bishop of Easton in the particular case, and the Standing Committee shall take the canonical steps for the trial of the accused under the direction of such Bishop.

CANON X.

Of the trial of Clergymen.

Upon the trial of any clergyman upon any charge or charges, both parties shall have a right to summon witnesses, and have reasonable delay, if necessary, in the opinion of the Court, to obtain their attendance; and both parties may take depositions to be used at the trial, after giving to the other reasonable notice of the time and place of taking the same. No accused clergyman shall be convicted of any offence, except upon the oaths of two credible witnesses, or upon the oath of one witness whose testimony is corroborated by pregnant circumstances. All testimony shall be upon oath, which shall be administered by the President of the Court.

All spectators shall be excluded, except the clergy of the Diocese, and the vestry of the parish, or congregation, with which the accused is connected, and such of the relations and friends of the accused as to the Court may appear proper.

CANON XI.

Of the mode of compelling the appearance of an accused Clergyman.

If any clergyman, accused of any offence, shall neglect to attend at the time and place appointed for the meeting of the Court which is convened to try him, after due notice given to him, the Court shall report the fact to the Bishop, who shall suspend such clergyman from the ministry for contumacy, until he shall appear and demand a trial. If he apply to the Bishop, within six months from the day on which the sentence of suspension shall have been pronounced, for a trial, a Court shall be convened and the trial proceed in the manner provided for in the canons. If he shall not apply for a trial within six months, the Bishop shall pronounce sentence of degradation from the ministry for contumacy.

CANON XII.

Of Ecclesiastical Sentences.

If the accused, after a canonical trial, shall be found guilty, the opinion of the Court, together with all their proceedings, including all the testimony taken on the case, shall be transmitted to the Bishop before it is transmitted to the accused, or in any way made public. The Court shall also declare to the Bishop

the punishment, which in their opinion the offence or offences deserve. Should he concur in opinion with the Court, he may proceed to reprove, suspend, or degrade, as the offence may be thought by him to deserve, always provided that he shall inflict no punishment beyond that recommended by the Court.

CANON XIII.

Of the promulgation of Ecclesiastical Sentences.

All sentences of reproof, suspension, or degradation, shall be pronounced by the Bishop. A copy of a sentence of suspension shall be sent to the accused, and another to the vestry or vestries of the parish or parishes, or congregation or congregations, with which he may be canonically connected, and such other publicity may be given to it as the Bishop may think expedient. A sentence of degradation shall be made known in the manner directed by Title II., Canon 5, Sec. V., of the Digest.

CANON XIV.

Provision for pronouncing sentence on Clergymen during a vacancy in the Episcopal Office.

In case any clergyman, who shall have been duly notified of the time and place fixed for his trial, shall have neglected to appear, or been canonically found guilty of any charge, the Court may transmit their report in the case of contumacy, or in case of conviction, their opinion, with the testimony, and other proceedings, to the Bishop of some other Diocese, who shall be requested, and is hereby authorized, to act thereon, and proceed in the same manner as he would be authorized to do, were he the Bishop of this Diocese.

ON LAY DISCIPLINE.

CANON XV.

Mode of proceeding against a Communicant.

If a communicant shall offend in any of the matters mentioned in Title II., Canon 12, Sec. II., of the Digest of the Canons of the General Convention, the minister of the parish in which the offender shall reside, upon receiving information thereof, shall take cognizance of the offence as provided in the rubric before the "Order for the Administration of the Holy Communion." And if, after private advertisement, he shall deem it necessary, he may then convene the vestry and church wardens, first giving the party reasonable notice in writing of the charge, and of the time and place appointed for the meeting of the minister, vestry, and church wardens for the purpose of enquiring into it. At the time and place appointed, the minister, vestry, and church wardens, or a majority of them, shall meet, and if they are satisfied that due notice has been given to the accused, shall, whether he appear or not, proceed to inquire into the charge; and if a majority of those in attendance, after a full hearing of the evidence, and of the defence of the accused, should he make one, shall be of opinion that the accused is guilty, the minister shall pronounce such sentence as the offence may, in his judgment, deserve; which shall be, either reproof before the vestry and wardens, or suspension from the Holy Communion.

MISCELLANEOUS CANONS.

CANON XVI.

Readers to be appointed in vacant Parishes.

The Bishop may appoint, in any parish, where the rector is unable to perform the service in his church or churches every Lord's day, or where it is desirable to have Divine service celebrated at places, or times, at which the rector cannot attend, upon the recommendation of the rector, or, in vacant parishes, with the consent of the vestry, some candidate for orders or other layman of exemplary character for piety and morals, as a reader, who shall, under the direction of the Bishop, any member of the Standing Committee, or the rector of the parish, where there is one, on occasions of public worship, devoutly read the service of the Church and a sermon from the works of some approved Protestant Episcopal divine. Permanent appointments must be made by the Bishop. Nevertheless, any member of the Standing Committee may make a temporary appointment of a reader, subject to the confirmation or rejection of the Bishop.

CANON XVII.

Every Minister to keep a Register.

The minister of each parish or church shall make out and continue a register of baptisms, confirmations, communicants, marriages, and funerals, within his cure, in a suitable and substantial book provided by the vestry of the parish or church, which shall be left, upon his death, or removal, for the use of his successor.

CANON XVIII.

Providing the elements of the Holy Communion.

In every parish or church, the church wardens, if required by the rector, shall provide the elements of bread and wine for the Holy Communion.

CANON XIX.

Of special meetings of the Standing Committee.

The Bishop shall have power to call special meetings of the Standing Committee at such times and places as may appear to him to be necessary and expedient.

CANON XX.

Of vacant Parishes or Congregations.

SECTION 1. When a parish or congregation becomes vacant, it shall be the duty of the vestry forthwith to give notice thereof to the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, to the President of the Standing Committee.

SEC. 2. The Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the President of the Standing Committee, shall take such order for the supply of every vacant parish or

congregation as in each case may be practicable, preference being given, in the selection of clergymen to supply such vacancies, to those residing in adjoining parishes, so far as by the Bishop may be deemed advisable, it being expected that the parish or congregation so supplied, will defray the expenses incident to such services.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the clergy, whether with or without parochial cure, their expenses being borne, and having, if in charge of a congregation, the consent of the vestry of the same, to comply with such requisitions as the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the President of the Standing Committee, shall make on them for services in order to the supply of vacant parishes or congregations.

CANON XXI.

Of the mode of securing an accurate view of the State of the Church in this Diocese from time to time.

SECTION 1. There shall be appointed at each annual Convention a committee on the state of the Church, to be composed of three clergymen and two laymen. To this committee shall be referred the address of the Bishop, the parochial reports, and all other reports made in pursuance of the direction of any Canon. From these materials it shall be the duty of the committee to prepare a review of the state and progress of the Church in this Diocese, to be published with the Journal of the Convention at which it shall have been appointed. It shall also be their duty to make to the succeeding Convention a report, suggesting such measures, if any, as they may deem requisite in the state of the Church.

SEC. 2. In case of the absence of the Bishop from any Convention, the reports which are required to be delivered to him by Title I., Canon 15, Sec. I., of the Digest of the General Convention, shall be delivered to the President of the Convention.

ERRATA.

For "Middle," on page 48, lines, 43, and 46, read "Central."

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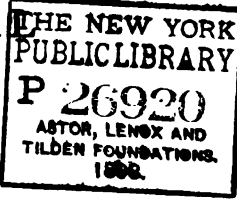
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* Those whose names are in *italics* were declared not entitled to seats in Convention, and those marked with a * did not attend its sessions.

The Rev.	*JAMES A. McKENNEY, D. D., Rector of East New Market Parish, Dorchester Co.
" "	ORLANDO HUTTON, Rector of St. Peter's Parish, Talbot Co.
" "	JOHN CROSDALE, Rector of Pocomoke Parish, Somerset and Worcester Cos.
" "	THEODORE P. BARBER, Rector of Great Choptank Parish, Dorchester Co.
" "	* <i>John A. Thompson</i> , residing on Kent Island.
" "	ERASTUS F. DASHIELL, Rector of St. Michael's Parish, Talbot Co.
" "	GEORGE F. BEAVEN, Rector of St. John's Parish, Caroline Co.
" "	* <i>Greenbury W. Ridgely</i> , residing in Caroline Co.
" "	JAMES L. BRYAN, M. D., Deacon, Assistant Minister of Great Choptank Parish, Dorchester Co.
" "	EDWARD H. C. GOODWIN, Rector of Chester Parish, Kent Co.
" "	* <i>George W. E. Fiske</i> .
" "	*THOMAS L. GREEN, Rector of St. Luke's Parish, Queen Anne's Co.
" "	JOSEPH N. WATTSON, Rector of Christ Church Parish, Queen Anne's Co.
" "	JOHN O. BARTON, Rector of Somerset Parish, Somerset Co.
" "	WILLIAM FULTON, Rector of Spring Hill Parish, Wicomico Co.
" "	ARISTIDES S. SMITH, Rector of St. Paul's Parish, Queen Anne's Co.
" "	W. DOANE MITCHELL, Rector of Trinity Church, Elkton.
" "	JAMES T. HUTCHESON, Rector of Worcester Parish, Worcester Co.

The Rev. JAMES A. MITCHELL, Rector of Whitemarsh Parish, Talbot Co.

" " LUCIEN C. LANCE, Rector of Wye Parish, Queen Anne's and Talbot Cos.

" " ROBERT WILSON, M. D., Rector of St. Paul's Parish, Kent Co.

" " THOMAS F. BILLOPP, Rector of North Sassafras Parish, Cecil Co.

" " WILLIAM C. BUTLER, Rector of North Kent Parish, Kent Co.

" " *Lorenzo S. Russell, Rector of North Elk, or St. Mary Anne's Parish, Cecil Co.

In all: 23 Priests and 1 Deacon=24.

LIST

OF PARISHES AND CONGREGATIONS IN THE DIOCESE OF
EASTON, WITH THE CLERGY OF THE SAME;

AND

OF LAY DELEGATES TO THE SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Lay Delegates marked with a * did not attend.

CAROLINE COUNTY.

St. John's Parish ; St. Paul's Church, Hillsborough,
the Rev. George F. Beaven, Rector. *Lay Delegates.*
St. Mary's Whitechapel Parish. *A. T. Gadd.

CECIL COUNTY.

Augustine Parish ; St. Augustine Church.
St. Mary Anne's Parish ; St. Mary Anne's Church,
North East.
St. Mark's Chapel, Perryville,
the Rev. Lorenzo S. Russell, Rector.
North Sassafras Parish ; St. Stephen's Church,
the Rev. Thomas F. Billopp, Rector. Ed. S. Jones.
Trinity Church, Elkton,
the Rev. W. Doane Mitchell, Rector. R. C. Mackall, M. D.

DORCHESTER COUNTY.

Dorchester Parish ; Trinity Church, Church Creek.
Trinity Chapel, Taylor's Island. Geo. W. Jefferson.
East New Market Parish ; St. Stephen's Church,
East New Market,
the Rev. Jas. A. McKenney, D. D., Rector. I. H. Wright.
Great Choptank Parish ; Christ Church, Cambridge.
St. John's Chapel, Castle
Haven Neck,
the Rev. Theo. P. Barber, Rector. Danl. M. Henry.
" " Jas. L. Bryan, Deacon, Asst. Min. Wm. R. Hayward, M. D.
Vienna Parish ; St. Paul's Church, Vienna,
the Rev. Theo. P. Barber, Rector. Jas. A. Higgins.

KENT COUNTY.

Lay Delegates.

Chester Parish ; St. Paul's Church, Chestertown, the Rev. E. H. C. Goodwin, Rector.	Wm. T. Walker.
I. U. Parish ; St. Peter's Church.	L. Handy.
North Kent Parish ; St. Clement's Church, Mas- sey's X Roads, the Rev. Wm. C. Butler, Rector.	C. H. B. Massey, M. D.
St. Paul's Parish ; St. Paul's Church, the Rev. Robt. Wilson, Rector.	Horatio Beck.
Shrewsbury Parish ; Shrewsbury Church.	W. B. Wilmer.

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY.

Christ Church Parish ; Christ Church, Kent Island, the Rev. Jos. N. Wattson, Rector.	W. E. G. Newman.
St. Luke's Parish ; St. Luke's Church, Church Hill, the Rev. Thomas L. Green, Rector.	*Jno. Brown.
St. Paul's Parish ; St. Paul's Church, Centreville, the Rev. Aristides S. Smith, Rector.	Rich'd T. Earle.

QUEEN ANNE'S AND TALBOT COUNTIES.

Wye Parish ; St. Luke's Church, Queenstown. St. Luke's Chapel, Wye, the Rev. Lucien C. Lance, Rector.	*R. B. Carmichael.
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SOMERSET COUNTY.

Coventry Parish ; Rehoboth Church, Rehoboth. St. Paul's Church, Annapessex. St. Mark's Chapel, Kingston. St. Stephen's Church, Potato Neck.	
Somerset Parish ; All Saints' Church, Monie. St. Andrew's Church, Princess Anne, the Rev. Jno. D. Barton, Rector.	H. H. Dashiell.
Wicomico Parish ; Grace Church.	

SOMERSET AND WORCESTER COUNTIES.

Pocomoke Parish ; St. Mary's Church, Newtown, the Rev. John Crosdale, Rector.	D. J. Truitt, M. D.
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TALBOT COUNTY.

St. Michael's Parish ; St. Michael's Church, St. Michael's. St. John's Church, Miles River Ferry. St. Paul's Chapel, Royal Oak, the Rev. Erastus F. Dashiell, Rector.	Geo. R. Goldsborough.
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List of Parishes.

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St. Peter's Parish ; Christ Church, Easton,
the Rev. Orlando Hutton, Rector.

Church of the Holy Trinity, Oxford.

Whitemarsh Parish ; St. Peter's Church, Trappe,
the Rev. Jas. A. Mitchell, Rector.

Lay Delegates.

J. L. Adkins, M. D.

Tench Tilghman.

E. M. Hardcastle, M. D.

WICOMICO COUNTY.

St. Matthew's Parish ; St. Matthew's Church.

Spring Hill Parish ; St. Peter's Church.

St. Peter's Chapel, Salisbury.

St. Philip's Chapel, Quantico.

the Rev. William Fulton, Rector.

Thos. F. J. Rider.

Stepney Parish ; Stepney Church, Green Hill.

St. Mary's Chapel, Tyaskin.

*Geo. Riall.

WORCESTER COUNTY.

All Hallows' Parish ; All Hallows' Church, Snow
Hill.

St. John's Church, Traptown.

Chapel of the Holy Cross,

Sandy Hill.

Jno. E. Hayward.

Worcester Parish ; St. Paul's Church, Berlin.

St. Martin's Church, St. Martin's,

the Rev. Jas. T. Hutcheson, Rector.

Jno. R. Purnell.

In all: 32 Incorporated Parishes and Congregations, (represented at the
Second Annual Convention by 23 Lay Delegates,) and 17 Chapels.



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*OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES OF THE SECOND
ANNUAL CONVENTION.*

OFFICERS:

The Right Rev. HENRY CHAMPLIN LAY, D. D., LL. D.,
President.

The Rev. JAS. L. BRYAN, M. D.,
Secretary, Cambridge.

WM. S. WALKER,
Assistant Secretary.

THOS. HUGHLETT, ESQ.,
Treasurer, Easton.

PHIL. T. KENNARD, ESQ.,
Treas. of Diocesan Mission Fund, Easton.

Standing Committee:

the Rev. Jas. A. McKenney, D. D., (*Pres.*), Cambridge; the Rev. John
Crosdale, (*Secretary*), Newtown; the Rev. Theo. P. Barber, the Rev.
Orlando Hutton, the Rev. E. F. Dashiell.

Ecclesiastical Court:

the Rev. A. S. Smith, the Rev. Lucien C. Lance, the Rev. Joseph N.
Wattson.

Trustees of the Episcopal Fund:

Messrs. J. L. Adkins, M. D., Richard B. Carmichael, H. H. Dashiell,
Geo. R. Goldsborough, E. L. F. Hardcastle, Wm. S. Walker, Geo. B.
Westcott.

Committee on the State of the Church:


the Rev. Jas. A. McKenney, D. D., the Rev. Aristides S. Smith, the
Rev. Robt. Wilson, Tench Tilghman, R. C. Mackall.

On Canons:

the Rev. Theo. P. Barber, the Rev. Orlando Hutton, Danl. M. Henry.

Diocesan Missions Committee:

the Bishop of the Diocese, (*Pres.*), the Rev. Robt. Wilson, M. D., the
Rev. T. P. Barber, the Rev. John Crosdale, P. T. Kennard.



*Diocesan Convention of Easton.**Committee on Church Property in Caroline County:*

Jas. T. Earle, Geo. R. Goldsborough, Danl. M. Henry.

Committee on Federate Union with the Diocese of Maryland:

the Rev. Orlando Hutton, the Rev. E. F. Dashiell, J. L. Adkins, M.D.,
Wm. S. Walker.

Members Elect of the Federate Convention:

Clerical—the Rev. E. H. C. Goodwin, the Rev. Lucien C. Lance, the
Rev. Orlando Hutton, the Rev. Thos. F. Billopp, the Rev. John O.
Barton.

Lay—R. C. Mackall, Geo. R. Goldsborough, Wm. S. Walker, S. S.
McMaster, E. L. F. Hardcastle.

Council of Advice of the Home of Friendless Children of the Eastern Shore of Md.:

the Rev. Orlando Hutton, the Rev. E. F. Dashiell, Jno. M. Golds-
borough, J. L. Adkins, P. T. Kennard.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with prayer.
2. This Convention shall sit for the despatch of business, beginning with Divine service at such hours as each Convention may determine.
3. At the opening of the session, the Convention shall be called to order by the Bishop; or, if there be no Bishop, or he be absent, by the President of the Standing Committee, or by some member of that body appointed by those of its members who may be present.
4. The names of the Clergymen, from a list furnished by the Bishop, and if there be no Bishop, by the Standing Committee, shall then be called over by the Secretary of last Convention; or, in his absence, by some person appointed by the Bishop or other person who called the Convention to order. The Lay Delegates shall then lay their certificates upon the table and subscribe the Declaration required by the Constitution. If a quorum of both orders appear, the Bishop, if present, shall announce the fact, and declare that the Convention is organized and ready for business.
5. In case of the absence of the Bishop, or of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the person who called the Convention to order shall announce that there is a quorum present. The Convention shall then proceed to elect a President, according to the seventh article of the Constitution; who shall, so soon as his election is completed, take the chair and declare that the Convention is organized and ready for business.
6. The first business after that declaration is made, either by the Bishop or the President, shall be the election of a Secretary. The Chair may then appoint an Assistant Secretary and the Committees mentioned in the next Rule.
7. The following Committees shall be appointed by the Chair: One on Rights of Clergymen to Seats in this Convention, consisting of three clergymen; one on Elections, to consist of three laymen, to whom the testimonials of the Lay Delegates shall be referred; one on Accounts, to consist of three laymen; one on Parochial Contributions, to consist of three laymen; one on the Admission of New Parishes and Congregations into union with this Convention, to consist of two clergymen and one layman; one on the Episcopal Fund, to consist of two laymen and one clergyman; and one of Canons and other business, to consist of two clergymen and one layman. The Chair shall also appoint all other Committees for the appointment of which no other provision is made, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.
8. Every member shall take his seat when the President takes the chair, and remain uncovered until he shall have left the Convention.
9. Every member who shall speak in any debate shall stand up in his place and respectfully address himself to the President.
10. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the President shall decide who shall speak first.

11. No member shall speak more than twice in any debate without leave. If any member shall rise to speak more than twice on the same question without leave, the President shall call him to order. No member shall be interrupted while he is speaking in order.

12. Any member who is speaking shall take his seat when called to order by the President or any other member.

13. No member shall speak to another so as to interrupt any member who may be speaking in debate.

14. No motion shall be debated until the same shall be seconded, and, if desired by any member, reduced to writing and read by the Secretary.

15. When a motion is made and seconded, the matter of the motion shall receive a determination by the question, before any motion not privileged shall be received.

16. Privileged motions, in their order of precedence, shall be to adjourn, to postpone indefinitely, to lay on the table, to amend, and to offer a substitute : the question on the first three to be taken without debate.

17. If a question contain more parts than one, any member may have the same divided into as many questions as there are parts.

18. All questions of Order shall be decided by the President ; but there shall be a right of appeal to the Convention.

19. A question being once determined shall stand as the judgment of the Convention ; and shall not be again drawn into debate during the session, except with the consent of two-thirds of the Convention.

20. No question shall be taken on any Report, unless upon a motion to print or re-commit it ; but Reports shall, as of course, lie upon the table. If a Committee deem any action of the Convention desirable, it shall be their duty to present in writing such Resolutions, Acts, or Canons, as they may think it should adopt ; which only shall be subject to the action of the Convention. Every act which divides a Parish, or in any way affects Parish Boundaries, shall distinctly set out the new boundaries which it is intended to establish. The Convention will not act upon any proposed Resolution, Act, or Canon, which is not conformed to the provisions of this Rule.

21. All elections shall be by ballot, unless otherwise ordered. The votes of the clergy and laity shall be received and counted separately ; but the vote shall be regarded as a joint one, and the election shall be decided by a majority of the whole number of votes taken together, unless a vote by Orders shall have been required agreeably to the fifth article of the Constitution.

22. The foregoing Rules of Order shall be deemed and considered the Rules of Order of all future Conventions, until altered or rescinded ; and the same shall be published in the Journal of each Convention.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

THE SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION *of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Easton*, assembled in Christ Church, Cambridge, on Wednesday, the 25th day of May, 1870, at 9 o'clock, A. M. Morning prayer was said by the Rev. Messrs. Bryan, Wilson, Jas. A. Mitchell, and Fulton. The Ante-Communion service was said by the Rev. Mr. Billopp, the Rev. Mr. Goodwin reading the Epistle, and the Rev. Mr. Crosdale the Gospel. The Convention sermon was preached by the Rev. E. F. Dashiell, from the 12th verse of the 7th chapter of First Book of Samuel. The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Hutton; and in the distribution by the Rev. Messrs. Jas. A. Mitchell, Wilson and Crosdale. The Post Communion was said by the Rev. Mr. Barber.

Divine service concluded, the Right Rev., the President, called the Convention to order.

The Rev. Jas. L. Bryan, Secretary of the last Convention, proceeded to call the roll of clergy entitled to seats at the last Convention, when the following answered to their names :

Rev. Messrs. Barber,
Barton,
Beaven,
Billopp,
Bryan,
Crosdale,
Dashiell,
Fulton,

Rev. Messrs. Hutcheson,
Hutton,
Lance,
Mitchell, Jas. A.
Mitchell, W. Doane
Smith,
Wattson,
Wilson.

The several Parishes and Congregations being called in order, the following gentlemen responded as Lay Delegates, viz :

Messrs. Adkins,

Beck,

Dashiell,

Earle, R. T.

Hardcastle,

Hayward, J. E.

Hayward, W. R.

Henry,

Higgins,

Messrs. Jefferson,

Mackall,

Newnam,

Purnell,

Tilghman.

Truitt.

Walker,

Wright,

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A quorum of both orders being present, the President announced the first business in order to be the election of a Secretary.

The Rev. Mr. Goodwin nominated the Rev. Jas. L. Bryan, and the ballot dispensed with, the Rev. Mr. Bryan was re-elected Secretary.

The President appointed Mr. Wm. S. Walker Assistant Secretary.

The President announced the following committees, and at the same time presented the list of Clergy canonically resident in the Diocese of Easton :

Committee of Elections—Messrs. Tench Tilghman, J. E. Hayward and R. C. Mackall.

Committee on Rights of Clergymen to Seats—The Rev. Messrs. Hutcheson, Beaven and Wattson.

The Rev. Mr. Hutcheson, from the Committee on Rights of Clergymen to seats, reported the following list of Clergy entitled to seats, viz :

The Rev. Messrs. Theo. P. Barber, Jno. O. Barton, Geo. F. Beaven, Thos. F. Billopp, Jas. L. Bryan, Wm. C. Butler, Jno. Crosdale, E. F. Dashiell, Wm. Fulton, Thos. L. Green, E. H. C. Goodwin, Jas. T. Hutcheson, Orlando Hutton, Lucien C. Lance, Jas. A. McKenney, D. D., Jas. A. Mitchell, W. Doane Mitchell, A. S. Smith, Jos. N. Wattson, Robt. Wilson. There being no objection, the report was accepted.

The Rev. Mr. Barber moved that the second rule of order be amended by striking out "5 o'clock" and inserting "4 o'clock." Carried.

The Rev. Mr. Dashiell moved that the rules of order be referred to a select committee. Carried.

The President appointed the Rev. Mr. Dashiell, the Rev. Mr. Lance and Mr. Wm. S. Walker, to constitute said select Committee.

Mr. Tench Tilghman, from the Committee on Elections, reported the following Lay Delegates as entitled to seats, viz :

Messrs. J. L. Adkins, H. Beck, John Brown, R. B. Carmichael, H. H. Dashiell, A. J. Gadd, Geo. R. Goldsborough, L. Handy, E. M. Hardcastle, J. E. Hayward, W. R. Hayward, D. M. Henry, J. A. Higgins, G. W. Jefferson, R. C. Mackall, W. E. G. Newnam, J. R. Purnell, T. J. F. Rider, Tench Tilghman, D. J. O. Truitt, W. S. Walker, I. H. Wright.

There being no objection, the report was accepted.

Mr. Tench Tilghman, from the Committee on Elections, presented the certificate of Mr. Richard T. Earle, in which some slight informality existed.

The Rev. Mr. Crosdale moved that Mr. Earle be declared entitled to a seat. Carried.

The Rev. Mr. Barton moved that the Convention do now adjourn to meet at 4 P. M. Carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, *May 25, 1870.*

Evening prayer was said by the Rev. Messrs. Lance, Goodwin, and Wattson.

The President called the Convention to order and then announced the following Committees :

On the State of the Church—The Rev. Jas. A. McKenney, D. D. ; the Rev. Aristides S. Smith, the Rev. R. Wilson, Mr. Tench Tilghman, Mr. R. C. Mackall.

On Canons—The Rev. T. P. Barber, the Rev. O. Hutton, Mr. D. M. Henry.

On Accounts—Mr. Wm. R. Hayward, Mr. Horatio Beck, Mr. H. H. Dashiell.

On Parochial Contributions—Mr. E. M. Hardcastle, Mr. Jno. R. Purnell, Mr. I. H. Wright.

On Admission of New Parishes—The Rev. Jos. N. Wattson, the Rev. J. F. Hutcheson, Mr. Richard T. Earle.

The Bishop then proceeded to read the following

ADDRESS.

BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND OF THE LAITY:

It becomes my duty to lay before you some account of the services I have performed since we last assembled in Convention.

1869. June 13. This Sunday was spent in St. Michael's Parish. In the morning I preached to a congregation of colored people at Myrtle Grove, and in the afternoon at a school-house near Longwood, where it is proposed to gather a new congregation.

June 20th. Preached in the Methodist Church at Oxford. During this week I visited several churches in the Diocese of Maryland at the request of the Bishop.

June 27. In St. Paul's, Kent, preached, confirmed six persons, and administered the Holy Communion. In the evening preached in Chestertown. Also on the 29th, in the same place, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Butler, administered the Holy Communion.

June 30th. At night preached in a public hall at Still Pond in I. U. Parish.

July 1st. At night preached in the Academy at Millington.

" 2d. At night preached in the Methodist Church at Galena.

July 4th. In the morning, in Shrewsbury Church, preached, confirmed thirty persons and administered the Holy Communion. Afternoon in I. U. Church preached and confirmed six persons. Evening in Chestertown preached and confirmed seventeen persons.

July 11th. Evening preached in Easton.

" 15th. Married a couple in Baltimore.

" 18th. In Cambridge preached morning and evening.

July 25th. A. M. Preached on Taylor's Island.

" " P. M. Preached at Church Creek.

" " Evening. Preached in Cambridge.

" 31st. Preached in Christ Church, Kent Island.

August 1st. Kent Island, preached twice, confirmed seven persons, and administered the Holy Communion.

August 4th. The Central Convocations met in Whitemarsh Church and continued in session three days. I assisted in these services and administered the Holy Communion.

August 5th. Confirmed five persons in Whitemarsh Church.

" 8th, A. M. Preached at Church Hill.

" " P. M. Preached in Centerville.

From this time until the 20th, my time was spent in travel and in attendance upon a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee. I have been a member of the Board from the inception of the enterprise and retained my position as still exercising jurisdiction in Arkansas. This University was a noble undertaking. Its founders, Otey, Polk, Elliott, Cobbs and Rutledge, now all passed away, were among the most zealous of the Episcopal order, and had set their hearts upon making Sewanee a chief seat of Christian learning, and the very centre of Christian influence for the South-western States. I rejoiced to see that the Bishops who succeed them, in spite of disaster and loss, are still determined that this great conception shall be realized.

August 20th. During the remainder of the month I undertook to supply St. Michael's Parish, while the Rector was occupied elsewhere as Agent for the Episcopal Fund. I preached five times and baptized five children. I also buried a most excellent person, a colored woman, a communicant in this parish, one who out of her small wages as a domestic servant never failed to add her contribution when the alms of the faithful were invited.

August 31st. Whitemarsh Parish, confirmed two sick persons in private.

September 5th, A. M. Preached in Greensboro'.

" " P. M. Preached in Denton.

" 12th. In the absence of the Rector, preached in Easton, and also on the 14th administered the Holy Communion to a sick man.

I now commenced an autumnal visitation, and on the evening of the 17th preached in the Methodist Church at Sassafras, North Kent Parish. I was arrested by an attack of fever which disabled me for some days from meeting my appointments.

September 22d. Preached in St. Augustine.

" 23d. The Northern Convocation assembled in Elkton and continued in session three days. I attended the services as my health allowed.

September 26th. In Trinity Church, Elkton, I ordained to the Priesthood the Rev. Whittingham Doane Mitchell. The candidate was presented by his brother, the Rev. James A. Mitchell, who, together with another brother, the Rev. Walter A. Mitchell, and the Rev. Messrs. Lance, Wilson and Goodwin united in the imposition of hands. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Goodwin.

September 27th. Preached at Lord's Factory.

" 28th. Went to Cherry Hill, but found no opportunity to hold service.

September 29th. A. M. Preached at North East.

" " P. M. Preached at Charlestown.

October 1st. Preached in a school house at Rowlandsville, and in the evening in the Methodist Church at Rising Sun.

October 3d. Preached in St. Mark's, Perryville, and confirmed one person.

October 3d. P. M. Preached in Port Deposit.

October 5th. I went to New York and attended a called meeting of the House of Bishops, the annual meeting of the Board of Missions, and also a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

On this occasion the Rev. Dr. Pierce was with singular unanimity elected Missionary Bishop of Arkansas, and I rejoice to know that he is now engaged in that important work.

October 24th. Preached in Easton in the morning, and in the afternoon visited a very interesting missionary Sunday-School at Easton Point and catechized the children.

October 28th. Preached in Federalsburg and baptized an infant.

October 30th. Princess Anne, preached and administered the Holy Communion. I also administered the Holy Communion privately to the Rector of the Parish, who was at that time a great sufferer by reason of injuries sustained through a fall in the dark.

October 31st. At Monie Church, preached and administered the Holy Communion.

October 31st. P. M. In Princess Anne, read prayers and baptized two children. I also preached at night.

I now commenced, with the assistance of the Rev. Wm. Crossdale, a visitation of Coventry Parish.

November 1st. Preached in St. Stephen's Church and administered the Holy Communion.

November 2d. Like services at St. Mark's.

" 4th. Like services at St. Paul's, where I also confirmed three persons.

November 5th. In the morning preached in Salisbury.

" 7th. At Rehoboth Church, preached, administered the Holy Communion and confirmed one person. Baptized a child in private. In the evening preached in Newtown and confirmed three persons.

This Parish of Coventry excited my deepest interest. Nowhere has more faithful work been done and under greater difficulties. There are four Churches in it, three of them modern, and one, Rehoboth, among the oldest in the Diocese. In despite of a very inclement day that spacious building was crowded by people attracted thither by traditional reverence and affection. Under the blessing of Almighty God this Parish must be sustained.

November 10th. Attended the meeting of the Northern Convocation in Chestertown. The remainder of the month was spent in performing Episcopal offices for the Bishop of Maryland.

December 2d. The Diocesan Board of Missions met at my residence and organized.

December 5th. Visited St. Stephen's, Cecil County, preached, confirmed twelve persons and administered the Holy Communion.

December 8th. Preached in Shrewsbury Church.

" 25th. In Princess Anne, preached and administered the Holy Communion.

December 26th. Went to Monie Church, but had no service by reason of bad weather. At night preached in Princess Anne.

1870. January 9th. Preached in the morning at Easton, and in the afternoon at Whitemarsh Church.

January 10th. In St. Michael's Parish confirmed three persons privately.

January 16th. Preached at Miles River Ferry.

" 23d. Preached in a school house near Preston.

" 30th. Preached in Hillsboro' and confirmed six persons.

February 6th. Preached in the morning at Wye Church, and in the evening in Easton.

February 9th. In attendance this week upon the Northern Convocation in St. Paul's, Kent.

February 10th. Preached in St. Paul's.

" 12th. Preached in a private house in the same Parish.

" 13th. In the Parish Church, preached, confirmed three persons and administered the Holy Communion. At night preached in Chestertown.

February 20th. Preached at Longwood.

" 23d. Attended a meeting of the Joint Committee of the two Dioceses in Baltimore. On the Sunday following I performed some Episcopal duty for the Bishop of Maryland.

March 5th. Preached in Greensboro'.

" 6th. Preached in the morning at Greensboro' and in the evening at Denton.

March 12th. Preached in the Chapel near Perryville, and administered the Holy Communion.

March 13th. At North East, preached and administered the Holy Communion. Afternoon, preached in Port Deposit.

March 14th. Preached in Elkton. The Rector of this Parish was absent, having sought, under medical advice, a milder climate for the winter. During most of the year past services have been supplied by the Rev. Dr. Williamson, of the Diocese of Delaware. His ministrations were highly appreciated by the congregation. He entered with zeal into the exercises of the Northern Convocation, and added much to the interest of them. We were loath to surrender him, and should be glad to welcome him back into the Diocese.

March 15th. In Elkton, preached and confirmed one person.

" 16th. Preached in St. Augustine's Church.

" 18th. In St. Stephen's, Cecil, preached, administered the Holy Communion and confirmed one person.

March 19th. Preached at Sassafras.

" 20th. In St. Clement's, preached, administered the Holy Communion and confirmed four persons. At night preached in Wilmington.

March 21st. Preached in Shrewsbury Church and administered the Holy Communion.

March 22d. Preached in I. U. Church and administered the Holy Communion. In the evening preached at Still Pond.

March 23d. In Chestertown, preached twice, administered the Holy Communion and catechized the children. The confirmation was deferred by reason of the unavoidable absence of the Rector, called to attend a sick relation. I rejoice that the prayer of faith was heard and the sick restored to health.

March 25th. Preached at Church Hill and administered the Holy Communion.

March 26th. In Centreville, preached and baptized an infant.

" 27th. In Centreville, preached and confirmed three persons.

My next appointment was for Kent Island, where a class now awaits confirmation. But after proceeding a few miles I was obliged to return, and was confined for some days by sickness.

March 31st. At Queenstown, preached, administered the Holy Communion and confirmed four persons.

April 3d. In St. Peter's Church, Trappe, preached, administered the Holy Communion and confirmed twelve persons.

April 5th. Attended an adjourned meeting of the Joint Committee in Baltimore, at which a plan of a Federate Convention was agreed upon, which will be submitted for your consideration.

April 9th. Preached at Taylor's Island.

" 10th. At Church Creek, preached, administered the Holy Communion and confirmed four persons. Afternoon, confirmed one person in Castle Haven Neck. Evening, preached in Cambridge.

April 11th—18th. Holy Week I arranged to spend in and near Princess Anne in order to supply, in some sort, the place of the Rector, still sick and absent. The Rev. Dr. Clemson, of Delaware, had been most kindly supplying this Parish, and lent me his aid in these services. During the week I preached nine times in the Parish and baptized a child. I also catechized the children and administered the Holy Communion twice on Easter Sunday. On the Thursday before Easter I preached in Newtown, administered the Holy Communion and confirmed eight persons. On Easter Eve I preached in St. Stephen's, Coventry Parish, and administered the Holy Communion.

For seven long months preceding this Easter the Rev. Mr. Barton, the Rector of Somerset Parish, had lain helpless and suffering, and a little before had seemed to be descending into the dark valley. It grieved him to see so large a Parish suffering for lack of service and he tendered to the Vestry his resignation. Their answer was brief and emphatic, with allusion I suppose to the summons by which in more primitive days labourers were warned that their days' work was ended. They replied that they would "stand by him until the last horn blew." All honor be to the Vestry of Somerset Parish for a sentiment so honorable, and a sympathy so cheering!

During our brother's long illness prayer was made without ceasing of the Church unto God for him ; especially at our Convocation did we commend him to our merciful Father. With what gratitude do we welcome him back this day to our ranks as one almost alive from the dead ! Sorely broken and bruised as his body has been, may his long sorrow impart a new fragrance to all his future ministry. May he do much for this Healer who hath done so great things for him and hath had mercy upon him.

April 20th. This week in attendance upon the Central Convocation in St. Michael's.

April 24th. Preached at Miles River.

" 26th—28th. Engaged in Episcopal duties in Harford County for the Bishop of Maryland.

April 28th. Preached in Salisbury.

April 29th. In St. Mary's, Tyaskin, preached, administered the Holy Communion and confirmed two persons.

April 30th. Preached at Quantico.

May 1st. In St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill, preached and administered the Holy Communion. It was a lovely day and the venerable church was crowded to its utmost capacity. The Rev. Mr. Tennant and a portion of his congregation came from Laurel, Delaware. And many made it a day of pilgrimage to a spot consecrated by memories of their forefathers.

At night I preached in Salisbury, and confirmed fourteen persons.

May 3d. At Snow Hill, preached twice.

" 4th. In the same church, preached twice and administered the Holy Communion.

May 5th. Preached in Berlin

" 6th. In Berlin, preached twice, administered the Holy Communion, catechised the children and confirmed six persons.

May 7th. Preached in New Market.

" 8th. In New Market preached and administered the Holy Communion. At night, preached in Cambridge, and confirmed thirteen persons, of whom one was presented by the Rector of Whitemarsh Parish.

May 11th. Attended the meeting of the Northern Convocation, in St. Stephen's, Kent.

May 15th. In Christ Church, Easton, preached, administered the Holy Communion, catechised the children and confirmed eleven persons.

Among the improvements in this Parish, the Vestry have thoroughly repaired the old church building, so as to furnish convenient rooms for parish purposes. The Rector has under his supervision a school of high-grade for girls and young ladies, which I would heartily commend. Such schools, for boys as well as girls, are absolutely essential in every well-ordered parish. I trust the Rector of this large and central parish may have good success in his effort to identify his work with Christian education and nurture.

May 18th. Attended a meeting at which the Constitution of the Home for Friendless and Orphan Children of the Eastern Shore of Maryland was finally adopted. I commend the institution thus inaugurated to the affections of the Diocese. It is a charity urgently required at this very moment, and I do not doubt that the Convention will bestow upon its claims the kindest attention.

May 22d. A. M. In Wye Church, preached and administered the Holy Communion.

May 22d. P. M. Assisted by the Rev. Mr. Lance, officiated at Longwood, St. Michael's Parish, where I found a flourishing and well-trained Sunday School.

May 25th. At the opening service of the Convention to-day, in Cambridge, confirmed three persons.

It thus appears that I have confirmed within the Diocese one hundred and ninety-two persons. To our venerable Father, the Bishop of Maryland, I have been able to give three or four weeks of my time, visiting in that Diocese nineteen churches and confirming about three hundred and nineteen persons. During the year I have been permitted by a gracious Providence to administer the Rite of Confirmation and to celebrate the Lord's Supper about weekly, and to deliver a large number of sermons and addresses. For the measure of health and strength given me, I desire to be profoundly grateful to the Giver of all good. Under Him I am indebted in no small measure to the kindness and thoughtfulness of many friends who have assisted me in travel, secured me now and then an interval of quiet, and ministered to me in some days of sickness.

The changes in our clergy are as follows: The Rev. Meyer Lewin, D. D., the Rev. Lewis H. Jackson, and the Rev. Samuel D. Hall have been transferred to the Diocese of Maryland. The Rev. William C. Butler has been received by Letters Dimissory

from the Diocese of Virginia, and is now Rector of North Kent Parish.

The Rev. Lorenzo S. Russell has been received by Letters Dimissory from the Diocese of Maryland, and is now Rector of North Elk or St. Mary Anne's Parish.

The Rev. W. D. Mitchell has been advanced to the Priesthood, and chosen Rector of Trinity Church, Elkton.

The Rev. Thomas L. Green, after gratuitous service in St. Luke's Church, Church Hill, has accepted the temporary Rectorship of that Parish, the connection of the Rev. G. W. E. Fisse with the Parish having terminated.

The Rev. William Fulton has resigned the Rectorship of All Hallows' and become Rector of Spring Hill Parish, Wicomico.

The Rev. J. T. Hutcheson has resigned the Rectorship of Shrewsbury Parish, and become Rector of Worcester Parish, Worcester county.

The candidates for Holy Orders are Messrs. T. S. Pattison, Richard Hayward, and George W. Fitzhugh.

During the year past it has been in my power to inspect the Diocese with minuteness, and to become familiarly acquainted with the Clergy and with a large proportion of the Laity. This review has impressed me with a deep sense of the advantages and blessings we enjoy in attempting to do the work which God has given us.

I bear witness to the clergy of this Diocese that as a body they are faithful and laborious, patient and uncomplaining, too very often under a straitness of means and a deprivation of ordinary comforts which their own parishioners do not suspect. But chiefly have I been impressed as I have learned to know them better, by the brotherly love which pervades them as a body. What a grief it would be were God's word hindered among our people by querulousness, jealousies, self-seeking, among those who administer it! But so far from this, at every visitation where several clergymen came together, at every meeting of Convocation, I have had occasion to mark how genial is their intercourse, how ready is each one in honor to prefer another, how content are all to labor for common ends, without asking who is to be foremost. I do not think that we should accept this as a matter of course, or explain it by reference to the mere instincts of courtesy, or count upon its continuance without watchfulness and self-distrust. There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit is the author of them all,

and that one and the self-same Spirit divides to every man severally as He wills. Ought we not to be unfeignedly thankful that He has thus far bestowed on us the most excellent of all the gifts, even Charity, and brotherly-love, which is the very loveliest type of Charity? I say it, Brethren, in all solemnity and thoughtfulness, so far as I know and understand this Diocese, its chief characteristic at this time seems to be Brotherly-kindness. I often fear lest this unity may be interrupted; lest I may interrupt it myself; lest in the fervour of active effort, the inattention that grows out of weariness and fatigue, the earnestness with which one advances opinions firmly held, I may seem to fail in my debt to others. Let us all unite to guard our mutual confidence and affection as a sacred trust. Let us be slow to suspect an unkindness, and swift to recall a word that wounds. Nor let us fail to make our prayer that Almighty God will give unto us the increase of Faith, and Hope, and Charity.

It is with much satisfaction, again, that we may advert to the sobriety of judgment and practice which has characterized the public services of the Church and the teachings of the Pulpit. All seem agreed to minister the doctrine of Christ as this Church hath received the same, without strained or unnatural explanation; and all desire to worship Almighty God according to the reverential and beautiful ritual provided for us. Convened this day to legislate not for the Church at large, but for the Church in this particular Diocese of Easton, it is a blessed privilege to know that we may safely and rightly spend our time and our energies in devising measures to build up and extend a system in which we all have confidence. I have not encountered in my ministrations any negligencies nor any extravagancies, any discontent with the rules and formulas imposed upon us, nor any craving after foreign ideas and customs which need disturb our tranquility or excite our apprehensions.

Our Convocations have thus far proved a decided success. I believe they will be a marked feature henceforth in our Diocesan system. Those of the clergy who have attended regularly are much impressed with the benefit we ourselves have derived from them, and the laity of the parishes where they have been held give very emphatic testimony to their usefulness. In the system thus far adopted we have introduced some features which we deem of special value. Thus we have united the laity with ourselves, and encouraged them to take part in discussions not strictly theo-

logical. We have sought to follow method and system in our exercises, a syllabus of each subject being prepared beforehand by the President, and his part in the discussion being assigned to each speaker. We have sought to present some important truth with more thoroughness than can be used in an ordinary sermon, and have been well rewarded by finding that we could secure unflagging attention for two or three hours. The Doctrine of Conversion, the Apostolic Commission, Domestic Piety, the Increase of the Ministry have been among the subjects taken in hand, and many others of equal interest are proposed for future discussion. We hope that these Convocations will guard us against the danger of isolation and narrowness; bringing the clergy in closer communion, and drawing the laymen of the several parishes into more intimate relations. It will not be the fault of the clergy if the Convocation does not become a rallying point of Christian fellowship, attracting Churchmen from many adjacent parishes.

We may also congratulate ourselves upon a steady growth in zeal and enterprise among the Laity. No very urgent effort has been made in behalf of Diocesan Missions, nor has our Missionary policy as yet been exhibited in actual operation; but the contributions have been liberal, and some parishes have pledged themselves for considerable amounts. The Diocese seems ready to sustain an energetic and aggressive missionary work.

The effort to establish a Home for Orphans is full of promise, and I doubt not will commend itself increasingly to the sympathy of the whole Diocese.

It is with peculiar satisfaction that I announce to you the fact that in Kent County our churches are all free. During the past year Chestertown, Shrewsbury, St. Paul's, and North Kent have all abolished the pew system. This is indeed a revolution, and almost a venture. May Almighty God prosper their undertaking and cause it to bring many to Christ! I trust that in a little time this example may be generally followed, and all that diffidence be removed which now makes many who might be disposed to worship with us, uncertain of their reception. But let me not be misunderstood. No one is disposed to effect such a change by any undue pressure. To be really useful, it must grow out of the conviction of the people themselves that the free system is right. They must consent cheerfully and without grudging to the inconveniences which may follow the change.

So far I have spoken of our encouragements. Need I tell you

what is the one great discouragement? Our clergy list has not increased; nay, it falls short by one name of the number reported a year ago.

This is not owing to the want of men willing to labour among us. All the year long I have been corresponding with clergymen, good men, some of them of superior abilities, who asked work in the Diocese. Unfortunately all were men with families, and in every instance the negotiation has failed by reason of the inadequate stipend offered. Could we have promised enough for them to live on decently and to educate their children. Every vacant parish could have been supplied and every point of missionary interest occupied. The question of support for the Clergy is a critical one with us at this time. I do not think that this is the fitting occasion to urge upon the members of the Diocese the duty of providing for their teachers. Such words seem a matter of course in the Convention Address, and produce little effect. I would only remind you of one cause of this evil, and of one means of remedying it. Our numbers are too small, our supporters in each parish are too few. If we can enlarge the sphere of our influence we can mitigate this evil. We are reaping partly the fruits of negligence in years gone by. When once we make up our minds, clergymen, vestrymen, and people, that we will by all fair means strive to bring in the communities where we live, this difficulty will be greatly obviated. With free seats and hearty welcome for all sorts of men, with pastoral visits and services held in every part of the parish, pecuniary ability will steadily increase.

I have furthermore been led to the opinion that there are great deficiencies in the administration of parish business. In many instances the Vestries hold their meetings in an irregular manner, make up no records, and settle things in the way of a vague mutual agreement. Especially is the collection of income left to chance and exigency. I believe that if there were a well-regulated system of collections, so arranged that parish dues were called for weekly or monthly instead of once or twice in the year, it would be found that such small instalments would be paid with much more regularity.

As concerns the endowment funds held by various parishes, I have made such inquiries as seemed proper for one whose powers are merely advisory. In some instances these endowments seem to be managed with admirable judgment; but not always. I believe every man of business in the Convention will agree with me

St. Paul's Parish, Queen Anne's Co.....(Add'l)	\$ 100 00
Wye Parish, Queen Anne's and Talbot Cos.....(Add'l)	300 00
Spring Hill Parish, Wicomico Co.....	2,440 00
All Hallows' Parish, Worcester Co.....	950 00
Trinity Church, Elkton, Cecil Co.....	1,600 00
St. Augustine's Parish, Cecil Co.....	270 00
North Sassafras Parish, Cecil Co.....	2,800 00
St. Mary Anne's Parish, Cecil Co.....	2,155 00
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	\$10,615 00
Last reported.....	33,415 00
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	\$44,030 00
Legacy from Kent Island.....	800 00
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	\$44,830 00
Portion of the Old Fund.....	7,630 00
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	\$52,460 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ERASTUS F. DASHIELL.

ST. MICHAEL'S, *May 20*, 1870.

The Rev. Mr. Crosdale moved that the report be entered on the Journal. Carried.

The Rev. Mr. Goodwin moved that the report be referred to a special Committee of five. Carried

The Rev. Mr. Goodwin then moved a reconsideration of the motion last carried, which reconsideration was carried.

And then the same moved that amongst the Standing Committees be one "on the Episcopal Fund."

Mr. R. C. Mackall moved the reference of the subject to the Committee on Rules of Order Carried.

The Rev. Mr. Goodwin offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Missionary Fund provided for in the third Resolution, (Page 48, of the Journal of the First Annual Convention,) shall be a Layman, and a member of the Board of Missions.

The resolution being seconded, was adopted.

The Rev Mr. Barber moved that the consideration of the Constitution of the Diocese of Easton be made the order of the day for 8 o'clock this evening. Carried.

The Rev. Mr. Butler presented Canon "Of Vestries," and moved its reference to the Committee on Canons. Carried.

The Rev. Mr. Wilson moved that Canon XV be referred to the Committee on Canons, with instructions to inquire into the expediency of repealing the same. Carried.

The Rev. Mr. Smith moved that the Convention do now adjourn to meet again at 8 o'clock P. M. Carried.

EVENING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, *May 25th*, 1870.

The Convention was called to order, and opened with devotional services by the Bishop.

The Rev. Mr. Barber, from the Committee on the Constitution and Canons, moved to ratify the amendment approved at the First Annual Convention and inserted as Article I of the Constitution. Carried.

The Chairman of the same Committee moved the ratification of amendment to Article I to be inserted as Article II of the Constitution.

The President announced the motion carried. A division being called for, the vote stood : Affirmative, 21 ; negative, 13 ; whereupon the President announced the motion as carried.

The Chairman of the Committee moved the ratification of the amendment to Article II to be inserted as Article III. Carried.

The Chairman of the Committee read Articles III and IV to be numbered Articles IV and V. The President decided that the mere re-numbering of the Articles unamended did not require ratification by the Convention.

The Chairman of the Committee moved the ratification of amendment to Article V and inserted as Article VI. The President announced the motion as carried.

A division being called for, the vote stood : Affirmative, 15 ; negative, 17, whereupon the President declared the motion lost.

The Chairman of the Committee moved the ratification of the amendment to Article VI to be inserted as Article VII. Carried.

The Chairman of the Committee read Article VII inserted as Article VIII. As there was no amendment to the Article, by the decision of the President, its ratification by the Convention was not necessary.

The Chairman of the Committee moved the ratification of Article VIII amended and inserted as Article IX. Carried.

Mr. Wm. S. Walker moved that the striking out of Articles X and XI be ratified. Carried.

The Chairman of the Committee moved the ratification of the Article inserted as Article X. Carried.

The Chairman of the Committee moved the ratification of Article IX amended and inserted as Article XI. Carried.

The Chairman of the Committee moved the ratification of Article XII.

The Rev. Mr. Wattson offered an amendment to the Constitution, to the effect that Article XI be amended, by striking out the word "five" and inserting "three."

Mr. R. C. Mackall offered an amendment to the amendment to the effect, that "two of the number be Clergymen and one a Layman."

Mr. Wm. S. Walker moved the reference of the amendments to the Committee on the Constitution and Canons. The President announced the motion as lost. A division being called for, the vote stood: Affirmative 19; and negative 12; whereupon the President declared the motion as carried.

The Rev. Mr. Lance moved that the election of the Standing and other Committees and officers, which it may be the duty of the Convention to elect, be made the order of the day for 12 M. to-morrow. Carried.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Barton, the Convention adjourned.

S E C O N D D A Y .

ASCENSION DAY, THURSDAY, *May 26, 1870.*

The Convention assembled at 9 o'clock. Morning prayer was said by the Rev. Messrs. W. D. Mitchell, Dashiell and Lance. The Ante-Communion service was said by the Rev. Mr. Smith. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Wilson, from the 11th verse of the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. The Bishop celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Billopp. The Post Communion was said by the Rev. Mr. Lance.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The President appointed the following Committees :

Special Committee on the Safe-keeping of Endowments and Trust Funds.—Mr. Wm. S. Walker, Mr. C. H. B. Massey, and Mr. E. S. Jones.

Special Committee on Clergy Relief.—The Rev. Messrs. Barton, Butler, Lance, Mr. T. J. F. Rider and Mr. Richard T. Earle.

Special Committee on Orphans' Home.—The Rev. Messrs. Dashiell, Smith and Billopp, and Messrs. G. R. Goldsborough and W. B. Wilmer.

The Rev. Mr. Butler, from the Committee to whom was submitted the portion of the Bishop's Address referring to ministrations among the coloured people, presented the following report :

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address which refers to work among the coloured people, beg leave to report that they find nothing to suggest beyond that which the Bishop has expressed. While all recognize the obligation which rests upon the Church to do what she can for the reclamation of these people, and their religious instruction, the Committee feel that the matter is hidden in the wisdom of God, and that the Church can only watch and await His good time to unfold the opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. BUTLER,
R. WILSON,
L. C. LANCE,
Committee.

There being no objection, the report was received.

Mr. D. M. Henry presented a copy of the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, incorporating the Convention of the Diocese of Easton, together with the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at January session, 1870, Chapter 23, entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Easton," be and the same is hereby accepted by this Convention.

The resolution being seconded, was adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Dashiell, from Committee on Rules of Order, presented the following report :

First, strike out "9 o'clock, A. M." and "5 o'clock, P. M." of 2d Rule, second line, and insert "at such hours as each Convention may determine."

Secondly, strike out from first line, 4th Rule, the words "who were entitled to seats in the last Convention," and insert "from a list furnished by the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, by the Standing Committee."

Thirdly, to insert after "Chair," in first line, Rule 7th, "one on rights of Clergymen to seats in this Convention, consisting of three Clergymen," and to strike out "one on rights of Clergymen to seats in this Convention consisting of three Clergymen," lines six and seven, Rule 7th, and insert "one on the Episcopal Fund to consist of two Laymen and one Clergyman."

Lastly, strike out the word "fourth" in line five, Rule 21st, and insert the word "fifth."

On motion, the amendments were adopted.

The report of the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund was presented by Mr. J. L. Adkins, Treasurer. The full report was then read, and on motion of Mr. R. C. Mackall, was referred to a Committee composed of two Laymen and one Clergyman.

The President appointed Messrs. R. C. Mackall and Beck and the Rev. Mr. Crosdale, on said Committee.

12 M. The order of the day, being the election of the Standing and other Committees and officers, was called.

The Rev. Jas. A. McKenney, D. D., Rev. Messrs. Crosdale, Barber, Hutton, Goodwin, Dashiell, Smith, and Barton were nominated.

The President appointed the Rev. W. D. Mitchell and the Rev. Mr. Fulton, Tellers to receive and count the Clergy vote, and Messrs. Truitt and Jefferson, Tellers to receive and count the Lay vote.

The Rev. Mr. Barber nominated Mr. Thomas Hughlett as Treasurer of the Convention. On motion of the Rev. Mr. Lance

the ballot was disposed with, and Mr. Hughlett re-elected Treasurer.

The Rev. Mr. Lance nominated Mr. Philemon T. Kennard as Treasurer of the Diocesan Mission Fund, and moved that the ballot be disposed with, and the nomination confirmed. The motion was carried, and Mr. Kennard re-elected.

The Rev. Mr. Goodwin moved that Messrs. J. L. Adkins, M. D., Rich'd B. Carmichael, H. H. Dashiell, Geo. R. Goldsborough, E. L. F. Hardcastle, Wm. S. Walker, Geo. B. Westcott, be re-elected Trustees of the Episcopal Fund. The ballot being, on motion, disposed with, the persons named were re-elected.

The Tellers of the vote for members of the Standing Committee reported two ballots with *six* names on each ticket, as having been deposited. With the consent of the House, the President directed the Tellers to throw out all such ballots.

Mr. J. L. Adkins, in the absence of the Rev. O. Hutton, presented the report of the Committee on Federate Union. The report was read by the President, and, on motion of Rev. Mr. Dashiell, made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

The Tellers of the vote for members of the Standing Committee reported the Rev. Messrs. Crosdale, Dashiell, Barber, Hutton, and the Rev. Dr. McKenney, as having received a majority of the votes cast, and they were accordingly declared elected.

The President requested permission of the House to add the Rev. Mr. Hutton to the Committee on the Home of the Friendless. No objection being raised, the Rev. Mr. Hutton was added to the Committee and made Chairman of the same.

The Rev. Mr. Lance moved that the Convention do now adjourn. Carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

4 O'CLOCK.

Evening Prayer was said by the Rev. Messrs. Lance and Wilson.

The Convention was called to order by the President.

Mr. R. C. Mackall, from the Special Committee on the Report of the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, reported as follows :

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund beg leave to report that they have examined the same and find it correct.

The Tabular statement of the condition of the subscriptions to this fund is one on which great care and much labour has been bestowed, and merits the highest commendation for its fulness and exactness.

Your Committee would also unanimously recommend the adoption by the Convention of the suggestion of the Trustees that \$250 be appropriated to meet the traveling expenses of the Bishop, as we are satisfied that it is both just and expedient.

R. C. MACKALL, *Chairman.*

The Rev. Mr. Wilson moved that the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars per annum be appropriated to the payment of the travelling expenses of the Bishop, to be paid by the Treasurer of the Convention. Carried.

Mr. Wm. R. Hayward, from the Committee on Accounts, reported as follows :

The Committee on Accounts have examined the statement of the Treasurer of the Convention, together with the accompanying vouchers, and report that his receipts have been \$476. 55, of which he has paid out \$249.85, leaving a balance in hand of 126.70.

WM. R. HAYWARD, *Chairman.*
H. BECK.

There being no objection, the report was received.

The Rev. Mr. Barton announced the death of the Right Rev. Jackson Kemper, Bishop of Wisconsin, and moved that a Committee of three members be appointed to notice properly the mournful event. Carried.

The President named the Rev. Messrs. Barton, Lance, and Hutcheson, as said Committee.

Mr. Wm. S. Walker, from the Special Committee on the Investment of Parish Funds, reported as follows :

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the investment of the endowments and trust funds of the Parishes, would respectfully recommend the passage of the following resolution :

Resolved, For the guidance of Vestries having control of these funds, that the only safe investment, in the opinion of this Convention, is in real estate, or in mortgages on real estate.

(Signed,)

W. S. WALKER,
ED. T. JONES,
C. H. B. MASSEY.

There being no objection, the report was received, and the resolution being seconded, was adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Barton moved that the third Annual Convention of the Diocese of Easton assemble in St. Andrew's Church, Princess Anne.

Mr. R. C. Mackall moved to strike out "St. Andrew's Church, Princess Anne," and substitute "Trinity Church, Elkton." The vote being taken, the amendment was declared carried by the President. A division being called for, the vote stood 21 affirmative, 11 negative. The motion, as amended, was then carried.

The Rev. Mr. Barber, from the Committee on the Constitution and Canons, presented the following report, viz :

First, The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the expediency of repealing Canon XV, respectfully offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That Canon XV be and is hereby repealed.

The resolution being seconded, was adopted.

Second, The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the proposed Canon "on Vestries," report, that in view of the grave nature of the changes suggested and their possible complication with legislative enactments, the Committee request leave to report at the next Convention.

On motion, leave was granted.

Third, The Committee on the Constitution and Canons have considered as carefully as time allowed, the two amendments offered to Article XI of the Constitution, and respectfully report their firm conviction that the present number of the members of the Standing Committee is not larger than the important duties of that body require, and they request to be discharged from the further consideration of the amendments proposed.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Dashiell, the discharge was granted.

Mr. D. M. Henry moved that a Committee of three be appointed to ascertain, as far as possible, the Parish boundaries in the Diocese of Easton, and to report at the next Convention. Carried.

The President named Messrs. D. M. Henry, R. C. Mackall, and T. J. F. Rider.

The Rev. Mr. Goodwin offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a Committee of three, two Clergymen and one Layman, be appointed to examine and report to what number of Trustees of the General theological Seminary this Diocese is entitled.

The resolution being seconded, was adopted.

The President appointed the Rev. Mr. Dashiell, the Rev. Mr. Lance, and Mr. Tench Tilghman.

Mr. R. C. Mackall offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be and are hereby instructed to enquire into the expediency of locating or purchasing an Episcopal residence and to obtain all the information necessary and desirable in reference thereto, and to report at the next Convention.

The resolution being seconded, was adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Lance moved that the Convention do now adjourn. Carried.

EVENING SESSION.

8 O'CLOCK.

The Convention assembled, according to their custom, to consider the Missionary Work of the Church.

Devotional services were conducted by the Bishop.

The Convention being called to order, the President delivered the opening Address on the Missionary Work of the Church.

The Rev. Mr. Lance then read a paper "On the Right Use of the Mammon of Unrighteousness."

Addresses were severally made by the Rev. Messrs. Wilson and Butler.

The Rev. Jno. Crosdale presented the report of the Board of Diocesan Missions, together with the report of Mr. P. T. Kennard, Treasurer of the Board, (Appendix.) There being no objection, the reports were received.

Addresses were delivered by the Rev. Mr. Billopp and Mr. R. C. Mackall.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Crosdale, after suitable devotional exercises, conducted by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING, *May 27th*, 1870.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Messrs. Butler and Hutton.

The Convention was then called to order by the President.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Federate Union with the Diocese of Maryland, being the order of the day, was taken from the table for consideration :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FEDERATE UNION WITH THE
DIOCESE OF MARYLAND.

The Committee appointed by the Diocese of Easton at its last Convention to meet and consider with a similar Committee appointed by the Diocese of Maryland "to mature a proper plan for the organization of a Federate Convention of the two Dioceses and for the promotion of Church extension in this State," respectfully report

That, after several conferences with the Committee of the Diocese of Maryland, in joint session, and a free interchange of views upon the important matters committed to them, they have agreed to recommend to the Convention the adoption of the appended resolutions, as embodying in the judgment of both Committees, all the federate organization that under existing circumstances the necessities of the Church in this State demand.

It has been deemed advisable to present the simplest plan of federate organization by which in all matters relating to legislative enactments and the common interests of the two Dioceses, such mutual counsels may be had and such concert of action be secured as will tend alike to strengthen the bonds of fraternal union and promote the welfare of the Church in the entire State. The Committee are of opinion that these most desirable objects can be happily attained under the plan herewith recommended for adoption.

The Committee do not present any definite plan for the promotion of Church extension in this State, for the simple reason that all matters directly relating to Diocesan missions must be under the Episcopal control of each separate Diocese, and be conducted under such regulations as each Diocese may provide for itself. Each must have its own missionary organization, and by its own life and energy make that organization effective and productive of fruitful results. The more marked these results the holier will be the emulation between the two Dioceses. It is by such mutual incitement "unto love and good works" that we shall do more in our respective spheres to extend the Church throughout the utmost borders of this State than could possibly be done by any federate regulations. Beyond the calling for active co-operation in such educa-

tional and charitable works as both Dioceses may be mutually interested in, the Committee see not how any federate provision can be made:

The Committee therefore recommend for adoption the following preambles and resolutions, being the same which the Committee on the part of the Diocese of Maryland will recommend for adoption by that Diocese at its present session in Baltimore, to wit :

Whereas, there are now constituted, within the limits of the State of Maryland, two organized Dioceses, thus making it necessary to secure, from time to time, legislative enactments affecting the common interests of the Church in this State ; and

Whereas, it is greatly to be desired that the bonds of unity and fraternal love should be preserved unbroken between the two Dioceses, and cordial co-operation be secured in all matters touching common welfare ; therefore,

Resolved, That there shall be elected for this Diocese, at this, and every succeeding Convention, five Clerical and five Lay delegates ; who, with a similar delegation from the Diocese of Maryland, together with the Bishops of the Dioceses concerned, shall be a Federate Convention of the Dioceses of Maryland.

Resolved, That the Senior Bishop shall preside, and shall, from time to time, appoint the time and place of meeting of the Federate Convention. He may convene it, of his own motion, when he shall deem it expedient ; and it shall be his duty to convene it, when requested by the other Bishop, or by a vote of a Diocesan Convention.

Resolved, That the said Federate Convention shall have power to deliberate about all matters of interest common to the two Dioceses, and to offer recommendations to the Diocesan Conventions ; and it is expressly authorized to take such determinate action as it may deem necessary, to secure such legislative enactments as the common interests of the Church in the State may require ; and all its actions and proceedings shall be made known to the next succeeding Annual Convention.

Resolved, That the said Federate Convention shall be empowered to act, whenever the concurrence of the two Dioceses, in the passage of these resolutions, shall be duly certified to the respective Bishops.

O. HUTTON,
E. F. DASHIELL,
J. L. ADKINS,
W. S. WALKER.

The Rev. Mr. Wattson moved the adoption of the resolutions accompanying the report of the Committee.

Mr. R. C. Mackall moved the postponement of the same to the next Convention.

On taking the vote, the motion to postpone was lost.

The resolutions were then severally adopted *nem. con.*

On motion, the preamble was also adopted.

Mr. Tench Tilghman moved that the Secretary be directed to inform the Bishop of Maryland of the action of this body. Carried.

The Rev. Mr. Barber moved that the Convention proceed to the election of members of the Federate Convention. Carried.

The following Clergymen were nominated: The Rev. Messrs. Billopp, Goodwin, Hutton, Lance, Barber, and Barton.

The following Laymen were nominated: Mr. Wm. S. Walker, Geo. R. Goldsborough, R. C. Mackall, T. Tilghman, S. S. McMaster, E. L. F. Hardcastle.

The Rev. Mr. Barton, from the Committee to prepare resolutions on account of the death of the Right Rev. Jackson Kemper, Bishop of Wisconsin, presented the following report:

The Committee appointed upon the death of Bishop Kemper would respectfully report:

Whereas, it has been announced to this Convention that our venerable Father, the Right Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D., L.L.D., Bishop of Wisconsin, has been called to rest and reward; and

Whereas, this faithful and devoted apostle of God, the first Missionary Bishop of the American Church, has so nobly and so successfully borne the banner of Christ over the spiritual wilderness of the West; and

Whereas, when Bishop Kemper was sent out as "Missionary Bishop of the North West" there was but one clergyman in the almost boundless region designated as his field of labor; and

Whereas, there are now seven organized Dioceses, ten Bishops, hundreds of Clergy, many flourishing schools, colleges and seminaries of the Church, a vast array of large and influential Parishes, and the Church itself become "a power in the land" where, thirty-five years ago, Bishop Kemper began his labors almost a lonely Missionary Bishop; and

Whereas, in the discharge of duties which would appall almost any man, Bishop Kemper has travelled more miles, performed more services, consecrated more churches, worked harder and more faithfully, and has left behind him a more enduring monument than any Bishop of modern times; and

Whereas, within the brief limits of these resolutions, it is impossible to enumerate the invaluable services which this faithful and devoted servant has rendered to the cause of his Master; therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of Bishop Kemper, the Church has sustained an almost irreparable loss, and whilst rejoicing for the unusually bright and noble example he has left us to follow, we the members of the Convention of the Diocese of Easton, would mingle our tears with those of the children of the Church throughout the land, and place a garland upon the grave of Jackson Kemper, the great apostle of the American Church.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions, duly authenticated by the Secretary, be sent to Bishop Armitage and the Rev. Dr. Kemper.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed,)

JOHN O. BARTON,
LUCIEN C. LANCE,
J. T. HUTCHESON.

On motion of Mr. R. C. Mackall, the resolutions and preamble were adopted unanimously, by a rising vote.

The Rev. Mr. Smith, from the Committee on the State of the Church, presented the report of said Committee. There being no objection, the report was received. (Appendix.)

Mr. William S. Walker offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay for such box or trunk as may be procured by the Secretary for the safe-keeping of the important papers of the Convention.

The resolution being seconded, was adopted.

Mr. Wm. S. Walker offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Convention be authorized to pay for such printing as the Bishop may desire.

The resolution being seconded, was adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Hutton, from the Committee on the "Home of the Friendless Children," presented the following report :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON "THE HOME FOR FRIENDLESS
CHILDREN OF THE EASTERN SHORE."

The Committee to whom was referred the Constitution of "The Home for Friendless Children of the Eastern Shore of Maryland," beg leave to submit the following report :

The Committee have carefully examined the Constitution of this benevolent institution. They desire to express the gratification which they feel, and which they are satisfied must be felt by every member of this Convention and of the whole Diocese, that so important a measure as the establishment of a Home for orphan and friendless children should be thus early initiated in the history of this new Diocese. The objects of the institution are so praiseworthy in themselves, and so entirely in accordance with the spirit of our holy religion and with the dictates of a true humanity, as to need no commendation from the Committee. We trust that this noble Christian charity is but the beginning of similar enterprises in this Diocese for the amelioration of human want, sorrow or suffering. It is by such works of pity and love that the Church is to fulfil her divine mission of good and blessing to the world. To provide homes for the orphan and the destitute, the sick and the aged, where the needy and suffering ones may be cared for and tended with Christian love ; to establish schools for the youth of both sexes where, along with secular knowledge, the principles and duties of our holy faith, under churchly guidance and influences, may be inculcated ; to put into operation measures for securing the associated effort of earnest-minded Laymen and pious women in all the varied departments of Christian work ; these things fall no less within the province of the Church

than the authoritative proclamation of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Indeed the successful prosecution of all such works furnishes the most conclusive proof that the Church is animated by the Spirit of her Divine Master, and is seeking to discharge with fidelity and loving zeal the high and sacred trusts committed to her.

The Committee therefore do most heartily approve and commend this charitable enterprise of providing a home for orphan and friendless children ; and they consider the Diocese of Easton as greatly indebted to the excellent Christian ladies who have initiated and organized it, and are now asking this Convention to take it under "its fostering care and protection."

The provisions of the constitution of the Home are admirably adapted to secure efficiency and success in the management of its affairs and the accomplishment of its objects. While the benefits of the institution will be extended to all classes without discrimination as to religious belief, at the same time the religious instruction and training are so well secured by the control which is given to the Bishop and Convention of the Diocese as to satisfy us that in this respect the institution will be all that could be reasonably asked or desired.

The Committee have learned with great satisfaction that the Legislature of the State, at its recent session, appropriated to the institution the sum of five thousand dollars for the current year. This liberal grant, together with such sums as have been and will be received from subscribers and voluntary contributors, will enable the managers to make purchase of necessary property and buildings, and at an early day to get the Home into successful operation.

The Committee recommend to the Convention for adoption the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That this Convention hereby accepts the trusts committed to it by the institution now incorporated as "The Home for Friendless Children of the Eastern Shore of Maryland," and as requested by the corporators does "take the same under its fostering care and protection."

2. *Resolved*, That this Convention regards the establishment of such an institution as a noble work of Christian charity to be heartily commended to the churchmen of this Diocese, and to all benevolent persons of the Eastern Shore as most worthy of confidence and of liberal support.

3. *Resolved*, That this Convention records its grateful sense of the liberal donation made to the institution by the General Assembly of Maryland, and gives assurance that the best endeavors will be used to make the said donation as far as possible conducive to the benevolent ends for which it was granted.

4. *Resolved*, That the Clergy of the Diocese are requested to present the objects and claims of this institution to their respective parishes and congregations in such way as they may deem most expedient and effectual towards securing for it united and cordial support.

5. *Resolved*, That the Convention will now proceed to elect the Board of Managers and the Council of Advice as provided for in the Constitution of "The Home for Friendless Children of the Eastern Shore of Maryland."

O. HUTTON, *Chairman*,
E. F. DASHIELL,
A. S. SMITH,
GEO. R. GOLDSBOROUGH.

The Tellers on the vote for members of the Federate Convention reported as follows: The Rev. Messrs. Goodwin, Lance,

and Hutton elected, with a tie vote between the Rev. Messrs. Billopp, Barber, and Barton. The Rev. Mr. Barber withdrew his name, and, on motion of Rev. Mr. Crosdale, the Rev. Messrs. Billopp and Barton were declared *unanimously* elected.

The Tellers also reported Messrs. R. C. Mackall, Geo. R. Goldsborough, Wm. S. Walker, S. S. McMaster, E. L. F. Hardcastle as duly elected.

On resuming the consideration of the report from the Committee on the "Home of the Friendless Children of the Eastern Shore of Maryland," the resolutions being seconded, were severally adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Hutton then nominated the following Board of Managers: Mrs. E. W. Lay, Mrs. S. E. Hutton, Mrs. E. A. Goldsborough, Miss A. S. Colquhoun, Mrs. A. M. Tilghman, Miss A. M. LL. Earle, Mrs. L. A. Powell, Miss A. Tilghman, Mrs. D. C. Dawson, Mrs. A. R. Tilghman, Mrs. A. K. Dawson, Miss M. S. Pinkney, Mrs. A. M. Hollyday, Mrs. A. G. Pinkney, Mrs. S. C. Chamberlain, Mrs. S. G. Powell, Miss E. M. Goldsborough.

On motion, the nominations were confirmed.

The Rev. Mr. Goodwin nominated the Rev. Messrs. Hutton, and Dashiell, and Messrs. Jno. M. Goldsborough, J. L. Adkins, and P. T. Kennard, as the Council of Advice.

On motion, the nominations were confirmed.

The Rev. Mr. Butler, from the Committee to consider the subject of Clergy Relief, presented their report, which, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Goodwin, was re-committed to the Committee, to report at the next Convention.

The Committee appointed to consider the subject of the number of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, to which this Diocese is entitled, requested continuance to the next Convention.

On motion, the request was granted.

The Rev. Mr. Barton offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, First, That the thanks of this Convention are due and are hereby gratefully proffered to the Rector and Vestry of Christ Church, Cambridge, for the use of their church, and the excellent arrangements for the occasion.

Resolved, Secondly, That the kind welcome and abundant hospitality of the brethren and citizens of Cambridge, are warmly appreciated by the members of this Convention.

Resolved, Thirdly, That the Treasurer is requested to pay the sexton of Christ Church the sum of ten dollars.

The resolutions being seconded, were adopted.

Mr. E. M. Hardcastle, from the Committee on Parochial Contributions, presented the report of that Committee. (Appendix.) There being no objection, the report was received.

The Rev. Mr. Crosdale moved that a Committee of three (one Clergyman and two Laymen) be appointed to reconsider the present assessment of the Parishes, and recommend any changes, said Committee to report at the next Convention. Carried.

The President named the Rev. Mr. Dashiell, Mr. Geo. R. Goldsborough, and Mr. J. L. Adkins.

The Rev. Mr. Smith moved that five hundred copies of the Journal be printed. Carried.

The Rev. Mr. Crosdale moved that, after reading the minutes, and after suitable religious services, the Convention adjourn *sine die*. Carried.

The minutes were read and approved.

The members of the Convention united in singing the *Gloria in Exultis*. Proper collects and prayers were used by the President, and after the Benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

HENRY C. LAY, *President*.

Attest:

JAS. L. BRYAN, *Secretary*.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

CAROLINE COUNTY.

St. John's Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 16; Adult 1 (of which were privately performed 12;) Catechisings, openly in Church occasionally; Confirmed, 6; Communicants, admitted 6; present number 30; Marriages, 3.

Sunday School Teacher 1; Scholars 17.

Communion Alms and Offertory \$103.22; all other Contributions \$27.00; Total receipts \$127.22.

Appropriated, within the Parish \$115.22; within the Diocese \$12.00; Total appropriations \$127.22.

There is little information worthy of record. The church is doing her work quietly in the faithful use of appointed and legitimate means. There are now five candidates for the reception of the Holy Rite of Confirmation.

At Greensborough a Sunday School has been started, now having 17 pupils. The enterprise has a fair promise of success, and is in most capable and judicious hands.

Hillsborough.

GEO. F. BEAVEN, *Rector.*

CECIL COUNTY.

St. Mary Ann's Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 5 (all of which were privately performed); Confirmed 1; Communicants, admitted 1; added by removal 4; lost by removal, death and otherwise 2; present number 59; Burials 3.

Sunday School Teachers 5; Scholars 30.

Owing to my recent removal to this Parish, the report of its statistics for the year is unavoidably imperfect.

North East.

L. S. RUSSELL, *Rector.*

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St. Stephen's, North Sassafras Parish.

Baptisms 22; Confirmed 31; Marriages 7; Burials 8; Communicants, last reported, 25; added by first Communion 5; added by removal into the Parish 2; removed from the Parish 1; present number 31.

Missionary Contributions—Domestic \$16.80; Foreign \$28.00; Diocesan \$89.00=\$133.80; Episcopal Fund \$496.00; Communion Alms \$50.00; total contributions \$679.80.

Important improvements are contemplated in this Parish. It cannot be long before our present church building will be either thoroughly repaired and renovated, or else removed entirely and replaced by one more comfortable and commodious.

Funds are already in hand for the erection of a new fence or enclosure around the grave yard, which will be both substantial and ornamental.

Average attendance on Public Worship is good, and shows advancement in use of this Divinely appointed means of Grace.

The number of communicants has been increased by the addition of several valuable names to the list of members.

Cecilton.

THOS. F. BILLOPP, *Rector.*

DORCHESTER COUNTY.

East New Market Parish.

Communicants 20; Baptisms 11; Funerals 2.

Cambridge.

J. A. MCKENNEY, *Rector.*

Great Choptank Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 18 (of which were privately performed 12); colored 2=20; Catechisings, openly in Church monthly; Confirmed 15; Communicants, admitted 7; added by removal 6; lost by removal, death and otherwise 14; present number 151; Burials 15.

Sunday School Teachers 21; Scholars 133.

Communion Alms \$221.11; all other Contributions \$530.47; Total receipts \$751.58.

Appropriated, within the Parish \$265.84; within the Diocese \$383.00; outside of Diocese \$102.74; Total appropriations \$751.58.

The Rector desires to add that the Rev. Dr. Bryan, as Assistant Minister, has continued through the whole year his valuable but gratuitous services, which are highly appreciated by the Pastor and congregation.

Cambridge.

THEO. P. BARBER, *Rector.*

JAS. L. BRYAN, M. D., *Assistant.*

*Diocesan Convention of Easton.**Vienna Parish.*

Funeral 1; Communicants, admitted 1; lost by removal 3; present number 12.

Offerings, to Domestic Missions \$5.35.

A few zealous members have organized a Sunday School with encouraging indications of future usefulness.

The church edifice is now nearly completed, and, although perfectly plain in its appearance, it is yet quite commodious and well arranged for its sacred uses.

The undersigned earnestly hopes that a resident minister may soon be obtained for a station so important and so decidedly promising.

Cambridge.

THEO. P. BARBER, *Rector.*

KENT COUNTY.

Chester Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 11 (of which were privately performed 1); colored 1=12; Confirmed 17; Communicants, present number 74; Burials 3.

Sunday School Teachers 13; Scholars 64.

Communion Alms \$129.72; all other Contributions \$656.02; Total receipts \$785.74.

Appropriated, within the Parish \$295.71; within the Diocese \$456.95; outside of Diocese \$25.00; Foreign Missions \$8.08; Total appropriations \$785.74.

The Parish Church was by resolution of the Vestry, declared free from the seventh day of February, 1870. The Parochial School which had been with much difficulty sustained for more than two years, and which promised eventually to work good results for the Parish, I was reluctantly compelled to abandon at the close of the last annual session.

Chester town.

E. H. C. GOODWIN, *Rector.*

I. U. Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 1; Confirmed 6; Communicants, present number 34; Marriages 4.

Total receipts \$76.13 (most of which was appropriated within the Parish);

Paid to Trustees of Episcopal Fund \$108.00.

Chester town.

E. H. C. GOODWIN, *Rector.*

St. Clement's Church.

Baptisms, Infant 12; Confirmed 4; Communicants, admitted 6; lost by removal and death 2; present number 34; Marriages 2; Burials 3.

Sunday School Teachers 6; Scholars 30.

Communion Alms \$49.67; all other Contributions \$320.00; Total receipts \$369.67.

Appropriated, within the Parish \$230.37; within the Diocese \$139.30; Total appropriations \$369.67.

This church by the substitution just made, of free and open sittings in God's House, instead of the rented pew method, has said to all about us, "Come." And by the system of offerings laid upon the Altar upon every occasion of Public Worship, preaches, on every such occasion, to every worshipper, the doctrines set forth by the Offertory Sentences.

Sassafras.

WILLIAM C. BUTLER, *Rector.*

St. Paul's Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 12 (of which were privately performed 5); colored 1=13; Catechisings, openly in Church occasionally; Confirmed 9; Communicants, admitted 10; added by removal 5; lost by removal, death and otherwise 5; present number 52; Marriages 1; Burials 9.

Sunday School Teachers 5; Scholars 25;

Communion Alms \$77.86; all other Contributions \$145.79; Total receipts \$223.65.

Appropriated, within the Parish \$88.62; within the Diocese 124.03; outside of Diocese \$11.00; Total appropriations \$223.65.

At the regular Easter meeting of the Vestry and Wardens the sittings of the church were declared to be *free* to all, from the first day of May, 1870.

All the cases of private baptism reported were in sickness, or for "like great cause and necessity," the order for private baptism being in all cases used.

During the Holy season of Lent service was held on all Litany days; during Holy Week *every* day, and the Holy Eucharist celebrated every Sunday.

There has been no time, of course, to test the free-seat system, but much progress is promised, and a new interest awakened. The Offertory has already increased nearly four-fold; many new faces are seen in the church every Sunday. A commodious stable and carriage-house is going up at the Rectory, and a substantial fence will soon enclose the Glebe.

A Mission Station will be established after Whitsuntide on Eastern Neck Island, soon to be followed, I trust, by others in equally destitute portions of this large and promising Parish.

Fairlee.

R. WILSON, *Rector.*

Shrewsbury Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 3; Adult 4 (of which were privately performed 3)=7; Confirmed 30; Communicants, admitted 30.

My resignation of Shrewsbury Parish took effect on the last Sunday in October, 1869, down to which time from the last Convention this report extends.

The contributions were all received by the Treasurer of the Parish, who will no doubt have them reported.

J. T. HUTCHESON, *Rector.*

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY.

Christ Church Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 4; Confirmed 7; Communicants 16; Funerals 2.

Sunday School Teachers 4; Scholars 30.

Offerings \$38.50.

Broad Creek, Kent Island.

J. N. WATTSON, *Rector.*

St. Luke's Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 1; Communicants, present number 18; Marriages 1; Burials 2.

Total receipts \$3.00.

Total Appropriations \$3.00.

Since last Convention divine service has been regularly performed in the church, at the request of the Vestry. On last Easter Monday the Vestry called me as Rector for one year. We are about to re-open our Sunday School and try to awaken more interest in the great cause of salvation.

Church Hill.

THOMAS L. GREEN, *Rector.*

St. Paul's Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 13 (of which were privately performed 6); colored 3=16; Confirmed 3; Communicants, admitted 3; added by removal 1; lost by removal, death and otherwise 8; present number 92; Marriages 2; Burials 6.

Communion Alms \$63.61; all other Contributions \$208.94; Total receipts \$272.55.

Appropriated, within the Parish \$53.30; within the Diocese \$160.00; outside of Diocese \$17.08; Foreign Missions \$23.67; Total appropriations \$254.05.

The number of children belonging to my congregation, who reside in Centreville, is so small that we have no Sunday School proper. I meet the few here every Sunday morning in the church, and instruct them in the Church Catechism for an hour or so before service. There are two Sunday Schools in the country, within the limits of my Parish, taught in part by members of my church. These I visit occasionally.

We have a Ladies' Church Aid Society now in successful operation, consisting of some forty members or upwards, who pay a stipulated weekly sum into the treasury of the Lord. Besides this we have some forty mite boxes distributed amongst the congregation—mostly among the children—which, I hope, will add materially to our contributions for missionary purposes.

Having procured twenty-five copies of the "Mission Service" from our Bishop, I have made arrangements for a monthly service on Sunday afternoon at four different points within the bounds of my Parish. The result of the experiment so far has been quite gratifying.

Centreville, Md.

A. S. SMITH, *Rector.*

QUEEN ANNE AND TALBOT COUNTIES.

Wye Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 17 (of which were privately performed 15); colored 8=25; Catechisings by Rector several times; Confirmed 4; Communicants, admitted 3; lost by removal, death and otherwise 5; present number 41; Marriages 4; Burials 7.

Communion Alms \$92.98; all other Contributions \$105.56; Total receipts \$198.54.

Appropriated, within the Parish \$108.39; within the Diocese \$79.15; outside of Diocese \$11.00; Total appropriations \$198.54.

Wye Mills.

LUCIEN C. LANCÉ, *Rector.*

SOMERSET COUNTY.

Somerset Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 13 (of which were privately performed 8); colored 5=18; Catechisings, openly in Church once by the Bishop; Communicants, admitted 8; added by removal 5; lost by removal and death 9; present number 185; Marriages 2; Burials 8.

Sunday School Teachers 12; Scholars about 75.

Communion Alms say \$150.00; all other Contributions \$1,322.20; Total receipts \$1,472.20.

Appropriated, within the Parish \$782.05; within the Diocese \$600.53; outside of Diocese, for Nashotah \$56.62; Domestic Missions \$33.00; Total appropriations \$1,472.20.

Princess Anne.

JOHN O. BARTON, *Rector.*

SOMERSET AND WORCESTER COUNTIES.

Pocomoke Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 10; Adult 1=11; Confirmed 11; Communicants, admitted 8; added by removal 7; lost by removal, death and otherwise 16; present number 74; Marriages 1; Burials 11.

Sunday School Teachers 6; Scholars 40; Parochial School Teachers 1; Scholars 22.

Communion Alms \$50.00; all other Contributions \$173.00; Total receipts \$223.00.

Appropriated, within the Parish \$70.00; within the Diocese \$114.00; outside of Diocese \$31.00; Foreign Missions \$8.00; subscriptions to Episcopal Fund, paid in full to Dec. 1st, 1869, \$223.00.

In addition to the services reported by me, I have baptised nine white infants and buried two white adults and one white infant, in Coventry Parish, Somerset county. Also buried two white adults in Somerset Parish, Somerset county, and two white adults and one white infant in All Hallow's Parish, Worcester county, all of which services have been reported to the proper officers in the respective Parishes.

Newtown.

JOHN CROSDALE, *Rector.*

TALBOT COUNTY.

St. Michael's Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 35; Adult 1 (of which were privately performed 28); colored 5=41; Catechisings, openly in Church monthly; Confirmed 3; Communicants, admitted 3; added by removal 4; lost by removal, death and otherwise 8; present number 92; Marriages, white 3; colored 1=4; Burials, white 3; colored 1=4.

Sunday School Teachers 16; Scholars 127.

Communion Alms \$333.62; all other Contributions \$459.c6; Total receipts \$782.68.

Appropriated, within the Parish \$24.68; within the Diocese \$695.00; outside of Diocese \$50.00; Foreign Missions \$13.00; Total appropriations \$782.68.

We have maintained a missionary service at Pott's Mill during the greater part of the year, and through the indefatigable exertions of a young friend who purposes studying for the ministry, a Sunday School has been organized, numbering about fifty scholars, a Melodean purchased and paid for, costing about sixty dollars, and the children trained in the services, chants and hymns of the Church.

We have a subscription of about twenty-three hundred dollars towards a church, which we hope to build in the coming year.

St. Michael's.

E. F. DASHIELL, *Rector.*

St. Peter's Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 16; Adult 2=18; Catechisings, monthly in Church; Confirmed 11; Communicants, admitted 12; added by removal 10; lost by removal and death 15; present number 130; Marriages 5; Burials 15.

Sunday School Teachers 15; Scholars 110; Easton Point Sunday School Teachers 7; Scholars 47; Parochial School Teachers 2; Scholars 30.

Communion offerings, in which are included offerings for church improvements, for Missions, &c., \$834.00; other Contributions \$314.87; Episcopal Fund, principal and interest, \$766.68; Total receipts \$1,915.55.

Appropriated, within the Parish \$922.78; within the Diocese \$158.52; Nashotah \$5.00; Foreign Missions \$62.57; Episcopal Fund \$766.68; Total appropriations \$1,915.55.

Since the last Convention a neat and substantial iron fence, two hundred and forty-five feet in length, has been erected to enclose the church grounds. A new stone Font has been placed in the church. The old brick church, which had been for years in a dilapidated condition, has been thoroughly repaired and additional apartments provided in the building at a cost of over fifteen hundred dollars. It now admirably serves all the purposes of a Sunday School, a Lecture room and a Day school. The Vestry of the Parish generously entered into an arrangement by which the funds for this important improvement were raised. The Sunday School room has been fitted up with new furniture and stoves. A large addition has also been made to the Library. It is contemplated soon to commence the erection of a Chapel at Easton Point—a building for

the Sunday School and for divine service being greatly needed in that locality. Some funds for the purpose are already in hand. The Young Ladies' Parish Missionary Association is actively engaged in raising means for the same object. The Sunday School there is well and efficiently conducted, and has in hand some fifty dollars for the benefit of the proposed Chapel. The Church Aid Society continues its useful work. It gives me pleasure to add that a number of the little children of the Parish have formed themselves into a "Little Missionary Society," and by their industry have earned and applied to mission objects the sum of forty dollars.

Easton.

O. HUTTON, *Rector.*

White Marsh Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 27; Adult 1 (of which were privately performed 11); colored 3=31; Catechisings, openly in Church monthly; Confirmed 21; Communicants, admitted 21; added by removal 1; lost by removal and death 15; present number 75; Marriages 2; Burials 7.

Sunday School Teachers 23; Scholars 125.

Communion Alms \$116.54; all other Contributions \$223.59; Total receipts \$340.13.

Appropriated, within the Parish \$214.61; within the Diocese \$110.36; outside of Diocese \$13.16; Foreign Missions \$2.00; Total appropriations \$340.13.

This does not include the Episcopal Fund.

Since the meeting of the last Convention our pew system has been abolished and the church declared free. We have reason to be well satisfied with the experiment. The result, in the increase of the congregation, has been far beyond our expectations.

Trappe.

JAMES A. MITCHELL, *Rector.*

WICOMICO COUNTY.

Spring Hill Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 29; Adult 3=32; Confirmed 14; Communicants, lost by removal, death and otherwise 11; present number, white 198; colored 1=199; Marriages 5; Burials 11.

Sunday School Teachers 16; Scholars 100.

Communion Alms, for four months \$25.38; all other Contributions \$479.09; Total receipts \$504.47.

Appropriated, within the Parish \$177.18; within the Diocese \$327.29; Total appropriations \$504.47.

The statistics given above are neither so full nor so exact as they ought to be, but they come as near being so as the imperfection of the Parish records and the change in the Rectorship render possible. There are three churches in the Parish, in all of which regular services are held, viz: St. Peter's, Salisbury; St. Paul's, Spring Hill, and St. Philip's, Quantico.

Salisbury.

WM. FULTON, *Rector.*

WORCESTER COUNTY.

Worcester Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 6 (of which were privately performed 3); Catechisings openly in Church 2; Confirmed 6; Communicants, admitted 6; lost by removal, death and otherwise 2; present number 65; Marriages 1; Burials 4.

Sunday School Teachers 7; Scholars 59.

Communion Alms \$28.93; all other Contributions \$154.02; Total receipts \$182.95.

Appropriated, within the Parish \$122.95; within the Diocese \$39.00; outside of Diocese \$13.00; Foreign Missions \$8.00; Total appropriations \$182.95.

I took charge of Worcester Parish on the 7th of November, 1869. Since then my labors have been confined almost exclusively to Berlin.

The condition of St. Martin's Church, which is about five miles in the country, has prevented me, so far, from officiating there, but I hope to be able to hold services in it during the summer. There are signs of life among our people.

J. T. HUTCHESON, *Rector.*

CLERICAL REPORTS.

I desire to submit the following report of my official duties: I remained under the authority of the Bishop of Easton until the 10th of December, 1869, at which date I gained canonical residence within the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Maryland. Since my last report I have resigned the Rectorship of Dorchester Parish, Dorchester county. That resignation took effect June 1st, 1869. Ill health was my reason.

I then came to the Diocese of Maryland and officiated in that Diocese until I accepted a call to Severn Parish, Anne Arundel county, and was regularly transferred, as follows: Said and assisted in saying the Services of the Church 30 times; preached 18 times; administered the Holy Communion 3 times; the same privately 1 time; assisted in the same 8 times; buried 2; married 1; baptised 1; presented 6 candidates for confirmation in a Parish where there was no Rector.

In the Diocese of Pennsylvania, by invitation, I held service and preached 2 times. In the Diocese of Virginia, by invitation, I held service and preached 3 times.

Total—Preached 23 times; said and assisted in saying the regular Church Services 35 times; administered and assisted in administering the Holy Communion 12 times; buried 2; married 1; baptised 1.

Millersville.

SAMUEL D. HALL, *Presbyter.*

The Reverend G. W. E. Fisse, Priest, has the honour to report to the Right Reverend Doctor Lay, Bishop of Easton, that, during the last Convention year, he has been officiating as occasion required, in the Dioceses of Massachusetts, New York, Long Island, and Pennsylvania.

Reading, Penn.

G. W. E. FISSE, *Priest.*

HOUSE REPORTS.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

By the act of the last Convention, the management of Diocesan Missions was confided to a Board, to be composed of the Bishop of the Diocese and of the Presidents of the three Convocations established at the same time.

The Central Convocation assembled in Whitemarsh Parish on the fourth day of August last, and organized by the election of the Rev. T. P. Barber as President, and Edmund P. Kennedy as Secretary.

The Northern Convocation assembled in Elkton on the twenty-third of September, and organized by the election of the Rev. Robert Wilson, M. D., as President, and Geo. B. Westcot as Secretary.

The Southern Convocation met in Princess Anne on the thirtieth of October, and organized by the election of the Rev. John Crosdale as President, and Dr. Stewart as Secretary.

On the second day of December the three Presidents of Convocation assembled at the Bishop's residence, and the Board of Missions began its existence.

It thus appears that a large part of the year had passed away before the necessary conditions of organization could be complied with. Nor have we been able up to this time fairly to inaugurate the important work we desired to do.

At our first meeting we agreed to adopt as Missionary Stations the three following localities :

1. Port Deposit, in Cecil county, and the region not actually occupied by the services of North Elk Parish.
2. Denton, in Caroline, together with Preston, and if possible Federalsburg.
3. Coventry Parish.

To each of these we appropriated \$300 per annum, making in all \$900 of appropriation.

Moreover, in response to an application from East New Market Parish, we agreed to give it aid to the amount of \$150 per annum. We could only conjecture what amount would come into our hands, and estimated it at about \$1,000, in the present inchoate state of affairs. In the result these estimates have been exceeded. The collections have been numerous, although few of them have been large. Many Parishes have made substantial pledges. We believe that it is not unreasonable to expect that under the system of pledges made in Convocation, we can count upon \$2,000 the next year.

We come before you with the anomaly of a full treasury. We have endeavoured most earnestly to put the three Missionaries whom we agreed to engage into the field. Two of them we are likely soon to supply. We have not found it easy to procure clergymen who could live on a very small salary; nor is it

easy, since we offer but a partial support, to obtain the necessary assurance of co-operation from the communities whom we wish to aid. We must needs ask the kindest indulgence of our brethren, assuring them that we will bend our best energies to the task before us, and that we hope to expend judiciously all the funds that the faithful will put into our hands.

It may not be without interest to the Convention to mention what opportunities have most pressed themselves upon our notice.

In Cecil county there is a region lying towards Pennsylvania in which nothing has been done. It comprises the election districts of Rising Sun and Brick Meeting House. The Bishop has preached once in each, and met some encouragement. We hope that a Missionary in the thrifty town of Port Deposit may not only build a church there, but extend his work into the districts named. In the same county is St. Augustine Parish, too weak to stand alone, but offering a good field in connection with Chesapeake City.

In the county of Kent, the Parish of I. U. commends itself to our notice. The Northern Convocation has earnestly requested us to give it aid, assuring us that it needs only a Rector of its own to grow up into strength and influence.

In Caroline county the Rev. Mr. Beaven stands all alone. Nearly the whole county is unoccupied. We must not fail to employ another Missionary here.

In Talbot county, the Parish of St. Michael's is too vast to be cultivated by one clergyman. The Rector, holding three services on a Sunday, cannot develop large portions of his Parish. Especially is a church needed on the Bay-side. At Oxford services are now suspended, and ought to be resumed as soon as possible.

In Dorchester county, Vienna Parish sorely needs assistance, and united with Federalsburg, would afford an admirable field of labour.

In Wicomico county, Stepney Parish has two churches now closed. They should be united with Quantico as a Missionary field. And Spring Hill Parish is now too much for one clergyman.

In Somerset county, we find Coventry Parish, with its four churches, offering a large field for effort, while Wicomico Parish should not be forgotten.

Doubtless the members of the Convention would add largely of their own knowledge to this mere outline sketch of need and opportunity. It is evident that there is work enough, plainly before us, to enlist all our energies.

Were it in our power, we should be glad to establish without delay a mission to the coloured people. And should special contributions sufficient be entrusted to us for the purpose, we would make it a part of our duty to devise suitable measures for diffusing sound religious books throughout the Diocese.

While the Board have thus thought it their duty to present to the Convention such points in the Diocese as seem to require its more immediate fostering care, they are not unmindful of the fact that the whole territory of the Diocese is already embraced in Parish organizations, to which the work of the Church within their respective limits is properly entrusted. With the rights of such Parishes they have no wish or intention to interfere, nor do they propose to undertake any work which does not meet with the approbation and hearty co-operation of the Rectors and Vestries of the same.

The report of the Treasurer is herewith appended.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Report of PHILEMON T. KENNARD, Treasurer of the Missionary Fund of the Diocese of Easton, to the 24th day of May, 1870.

1869.
June 18. To cash received of Thomas Hughlett, late Treasurer..... Parish. County.
\$ 223 33

CAROLINE COUNTY.

St. John's Parish ; St. Paul's Church, Hillsborough.....
St. Mary's Whitechapel Parish.....

CECIL COUNTY.

1870.
March 18. Augustine Parish ; St. Augustine Church.....
" " St. Mary Anne's Parish ; St. Mary Anne's Church, North East..... }
" " St. Mark's Chapel, Perryville..... }

1869.
Dec. 9. North Sassafras Parish ; St. Stephen's Church..... \$21 23
1870.
March 19. " " " "..... 13 70
1869.
Oct. 3. " " Trinity Church, Elkton..... 21 70
1870.
April 5. " " " "..... 12 00
68 63
83 63

DORCHESTER COUNTY.

1870.
Dorchester Parish.....
East New Market Parish.....
Great Choptank " Christ Church, Cambridge..... 37 00
May 16. Great Choptank Parish ; Christ Church, Cambridge..... 16 00
" " St. John's Chapel, Castle Haven..... 53 00
53 00

SOMERSET COUNTY.

	Church.	Parish.	County.
1869.			
Nov.	Amount brought forward		\$646 17
	Coventry Parish ; Rehoboth Church, St. Paul's Church, St. Mark's Chapel, and St. Stephen's Church.....	23 00	
June 15.	Somerset Parish ; All Saints' Church, St. Andrew's Church.....	42 42	65 42
	Wicomico " Grace Church.....		

SOMERSET AND WORCESTER COUNTIES.

1870.			
April 2.	Pocomoke Parish ; St. Mary's Church, Newtown.....	14 00	14 00

TALBOT COUNTY.

1870.			
Jan. 11.	St. Michael's Parish ; St. Michael's Church.....	50 15	
April 2.	" " St. John's "	54 60	
	" " St. Paul's Chapel.....	104 75	
1869.			
June 12.	St. Peter's Parish ; Christ Church, Easton	26 35	
Dec. 6.	" " " "	41 00	
Dec. 31.	" " " "	48 93	
1870.			
May 23.	" " " "	32 04	
April 21.	Whitemarsh " St. Peter's Church, Trappe	30 30	283 36

WICOMICO COUNTY.

1870.			
May 11.	St. Matthew's Parish ; St. Matthew's Church.....		
" 11.	" " St. Paul's "	9 39	
" 11.	" " St. Peter's Chapel, Salisbury.....	9 31	
" 11.	" " St. Philip's " Quantico	1 78	
" 11.	Stepney Church.....	20 48	
" 11.	" " St. Mary's Chapel, Tyaskin.....	1 68	23 16

WORCESIER COUNTY.

1869.	All Hallows' Parish; All Hallows' Church.....	7 00	7 00	.....	7 00
Dec. 2.	Worcester Parish.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00
1870.	To amount collected at Central Convocation, Great Choptank.....	.....	.....	.....	9 13
March 29.	" " Northern " Chester Parish.....	.....	.....	.....	4 03
" 29.	" " " I. U. ".....	.....	.....	.....	14 30
" 2.	" " " North Kent Parish.....	.....	.....	.....	15 37
" 29.	" " " Shrewsbury.....	.....	.....	.....	35 00
1869.	Dec. 2.	" " Central " St. Paul's, Centreville.....	.....	.....	34 10
" 2.	" " " Whitmarsh.....	.....	.....	.....	2 29
1870.	April 21.	" received from a little girl, Whitmarsh Parish.....	.....	.....	\$1,182 33
1870.	May 6.	By cash to Rev. Mr. Goodwin, order of Willson.....	9 00	.....	.....
		" " Dr. McKenney, special donation from Christ Church, paid per order of Bishop Lay.....	20 00	.....	29 00
		Balance in hand of Treasurer.....	.....	.....	\$1,153 33

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE EPISCOPAL FUND.

To the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Easton :

The Trustees of the Episcopal Fund respectfully submit the report of the Treasurer, with a renewed request that the Rectors of Parishes will take such interest and render such aid in the work of collections in their several Parishes as will insure early and prompt remittances before the close of the year. The interest, which goes to the support of the Episcopate, will be needed, in part at least, by the time it falls due—the first of December.

Too much praise cannot be accorded those earnest and working collectors who begin at once, on the receipt of the lists from the Treasurer, and so place him in funds that the salary of the Bishop need not go unpaid. All will understand the necessity of making prompt collections, and after awhile the slower Parishes will undoubtedly respond to the calls of their appointed agents, whose duties are not of the most agreeable nature.

The statements prepared by the Treasurer, set forth in clear and condensed form the subscriptions by the different Parishes to the Episcopal Fund, the amounts both of principal and interest due December last, and what has been paid by them respectively to date; also the disposition that has been made of the money coming into his hands.

It will be observed, by reference to the statement, that less than two quarters' salary of the Bishop is now in hand, whereas it was expected, from the start, that there would always be a year's salary ahead, which might always be the case if every Parish would pay promptly.

EDM'D L. F. HARDCASTLE,
GEO. R. GOLDSBOROUGH,
W. S. WALKER,
H. H. DASHIELL,
J. L. ADKINS.

EASTON, May 24th, 1870.

To the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Easton .

GENTLEMEN :—The Treasurer presents the accompanying statement of the condition of the Parish subscriptions to the Episcopal Fund, showing what progress has been made in collections, investments, &c.

A subscription list was sent to each Parish collector, with the names of all the subscribers, and the dues carried out in principal and interest columns—at no little expenditure of labour—to prevent trouble or mistakes at subsequent stages.

Some of the Parish collectors have been exact and strictly accurate throughout, saving the Treasurer a great deal of time and work—and, as with the first instalment, many of them have paid fully up, or nearly so. There is reason to hope that all will make their returns to the Treasurer during the present year so full and clear as to give him the minimum amount of writing.

Engrossing cares have driven within a brief space all the condensing and arranging of a somewhat disjointed array of columns and figures which might well have occupied several days.

If inaccuracy should appear in the accounts of any Parish, or in the general statement, indulgence must be asked, and correction will hereafter be made.

The amount subscribed, as per table, is.....\$44,485 00
 Received from the Diocese of Maryland \$7,000 U. S. 5-20 bonds,
 valued at..... 7,630 00
 \$52,115 00

THE PAYMENTS ON SUBSCRIPTIONS.

On the second instalment, and also arrearages on the first instalment,
 amount to.....\$4 059 30
 Last year's payments..... 3,900 25
 \$7,959 55

INVESTED AS FOLLOWS:

2,000 Maryland Defence Loan.....\$2,000 00
 Railroad Stocks 1,707 00
 Bank Stocks and Loans..... 3,605 00
 Paid to subscription agent..... 444 66
 " for Stationery, Stamps, &c..... 15 00
 \$7,771 66
 Leaving for investment 187 89
 \$7,959 55
 The interest paid on subscriptions during the past year, ad-
 ding such as belonged to first year, since paid in, is....\$2,061 49
 Interest on investments 660 45
 \$2,721 94
 Last year's interest added..... 1,558 30
 \$4,280 24

DISBURSED AS FOLLOWS:

Paid salary of the Bishop.....\$3,125 00
 Leaving the July and October quarters to pay.....\$1,155 24
 J. L. ADKINS, *Treasurer.*

RECEIVED DURING THE CONVENTION.

	<i>Principal.</i>	<i>Interest.</i>
From Somerset Parish, through Rev. Mr. Barton.....	\$429 50	\$141 03
" Pocomoke Parish, through Rev. Mr. Crosdale....	39 00	21 06
(Completing the payments of this Parish.)		
" All Hallow's Parish, through Mr. Hayward.....	25 00	17 55
" Great Choptank Parish, through Mr. Lake.....	154 00	73 26
" Spring Hill Parish, through Mr. White.....	57 78	30 78

TABULAR STATEMENT of the condition of the subscriptions to the EPISCOPAL FUND of the DIOCESE OF EASTON, showing the amounts due and paid by the several parishes.

COUNTIES AND PARISHES.	Subscriptions by Counties.	Subscriptions by Parishes.	DUE.		PAID.	
			2d Instalment 1-10 of Principal.	Interest 12 Months.	Principal.	Interest.
■ ■ KENT COUNTY.	\$7,530 00					
Chester Parish		\$2,475 00	\$ 192 50	\$ 108 95	\$ 192 50	\$ 108 85
North Kent Parish		1,340 00	195 00	111 80	138 25	91 25
St. Paul's "		850 50	78 50	45 69	55 00	4 70
I. U. "		1,140 00	171 50	92 81	138 50	57 11
Shrewsbury "		1,935 00	201 50	112 21	187 60	97 24
QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY.	\$,675 00					
Christ Church Parish, K. I.		450 00	45 00	24 30	45 00	24 30
St. Paul's Parish		2,500 00	430 00	238 90	210 00	140 10
St. Luke's "		725 00	137 50	79 47	149 50	34 54
TALBOT AND QUEEN ANNE'S Co.	1,900 00					
Wye Parish		1,900 00	190 00	104 40	190 00	80 90
TALBOT COUNTY.	11,685 00					
St. Peter's Parish		5,010 00	480 50	267 03	554 50	212 14
St. Michael's "		4,900 00	505 00	275 10	485 00	264 80
Whitemarsh "		1,650 00	147 50	88 43	151 25	72 23
Church of the Holy Trinity, Oxford		125 00	22 50	13 35	20 00	12 00
DORCHESTER COUNTY.	3,153 00					
Great Choptank Parish		2,045 00	227 00	130 77	61 30	36 25
Dorchester "		610 00	79 50	45 15	52 50	27 80
East New Market "		500 00	50 00	27 00	50 00	27 00
CAROLINE COUNTY.	200 00					
St. John's Parish		200 00	20 00	10 80	20 00	10 40
WORCESTER COUNTY.	2,600 00					
Worcester Parish		1,710 00	360 50	200 91	313 00	176 01
All Hallows' "		850 00	106 50	62 08	65 00	13 50
SOMERSET AND WORCESTER Co's.	1,920 00					
Pocomoke Parish		1,020 00	102 00	55 08	65 00	34 62
SOMERSET COUNTY.	3,175 00					
Somerset Parish		2,925 00	355 00	222 22		
Coventry "		250 00	25 00	13 50	25 00	13 50
WICOMICO COUNTY.	2,340 00					
Spring Hill Parish		2,340 00	296 00	168 60	125 50	68 25
CECIL COUNTY.	7,125 00					
Trinity Church		1,600 00	160 00	95 00	195 00	87 30*
St. Augustine Parish		270 00	27 00	16 20	34 50	14 70*
North Bassafras "		3,100 00	310 00	186 00	310 00	186 00*
St. Mary Anne's "		2,155 00	215 50	129 30	215 50	179 30*
Total	\$44,485 00	\$44,485 00	\$5,130 00	\$2,935 40	\$4,059 80	\$2,061 49

* New subscriptions—this being their first instalment.

Amounts received by the COMMITTEE ON PAROCHIAL CONTRIBUTIONS,
May 27th, 1870.

Somerset Parish, Somerset Co.....	\$30 00
Worcester Parish, Worcester Co.....	20 00
Whitemarsh Parish, Talbot Co.....	30 00
St. Paul's Parish, Queen Anne's Co.....	30 00
All Hallows' Parish, Worcester Co.....	10 00
Chester Parish, Kent Co.....	30 00
St. Peter's Parish, Talbot Co.....	30 00
North Sassafras, Cecil Co.....	30 00
Spring Hill, Wicomico Co.....	30 00
Trinity Church, Elkton.....	20 00
Great Choptank, Dorchester Co.....	30 00
Dorchester Parish, Dorchester Co.....	10 00
East New Market Parish, Dorchester Co.....	5 00
St. Paul's Parish, Kent Co.....	25 00
I. U. Parish, Kent Co.....	10 00
Shrewsbury Parish, Kent Co.....	40 00
North Kent Parish, Kent Co.....	30 00
Christ Church Parish, Kent Island..	30 00
Church of the Holy Trinity, Talbot Co.....	20 00
St. Michael's Parish, Talbot Co.....	30 00
Pocomoke Parish, Worcester Co.....	10 00
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	\$500 00

The Committee on Parochial Contributions report to the Convention that they have received five hundred dollars (\$500), leaving a balance due from the organization of the Diocese, of two hundred and forty-five dollars (\$245).

ED. M. HARDCASTLE, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Committee on the State of the Church beg leave to report that, in consequence of the number of Parishes from which no report has been received, they are unable to present any accurate statement respecting the condition of the Diocese as compared with its condition at the last meeting of the Convention. Only 21 out of the 32 incorporated Parishes and Congregations belonging to the Diocese have sent in their reports, and some of these are incomplete.

But by a comparison of the reports which have been received with those returned from the same Parishes a year ago, the Committee feel that there is ground for encouragement. There has been a gain of more than 150 communicants in the Parishes from which reports have been received, and the number of baptisms reported is 35 more than was reported at the last Convention; and though the number of confirmations reported by our Bishop falls short by 22 of the number reported by him a year ago, yet it should be remembered that nearly all the Parishes in which these confirmations were held had been visited by the Bishop during the preceding year, whereas some two years and a half had elapsed since our churches had enjoyed an Episcopal visitation when he commenced his labours among us. The total number of teachers reported in our Sunday Schools is 136, and of pupils 872. In some of these schools there has been a very gratifying increase in the number of pupils; in one case it has gone up from 60 to 127, and in another, from 50 to 125. Only two Parish Schools have been reported in the Diocese with an aggregate of 52 pupils.

There is great diversity in the manner of reporting the contributions of the Parishes, some giving us not only the amounts raised for missionary and charitable purposes, but also the moneys paid to the Episcopal Fund, and the Weekly Offertory even when applied to defray the current expenses of the Parish.

The Committee are happy to report that the vacant Parishes in the Diocese are rapidly being supplied with clergymen, and that appropriations have been made for opening several new mission fields.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. SMITH,
R. WILSON,
R. C. MACKALL,
TENCH TILGHMAN

CONSTITUTION,

AS APPROVED BY THE CONVENTION JUNE 10TH, 1869.

ADOPTED BY THE CONVENTION MAY 25TH, 1870.

ARTICLE I.

THIS Church, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, accedes to the Constitution of that Church, and acknowledges the authority of its Canons.

ARTICLE II.

There shall be a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, on the first Wednesday of June in every year, in such place as shall be determined by the Convention.

ARTICLE III.

The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen. The Bishop, and Assistant Bishop, if there be one, shall have a seat and vote in the Convention.

Every clergyman of this Church, of whatever order, being a settled minister or an assistant minister of some parish or separate congregation, acknowledged as such by this Convention, within this Diocese, or being a missionary under the Ecclesiastical authority of this Diocese, or being otherwise employed in the sacred work of the ministry, with the sanction of the Bishop and Standing Committee, or if there be no Bishop, of the Standing Committee only, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, if he has been canonically resident within this Diocese for the space of six calendar months next before the meeting of the Convention;

Provided, That no clergyman who has been once entitled to a seat in Convention shall lose his right to a seat therein by reason of his having ceased, on account of age or infirm health, to have charge of a Parish, or to be an assistant minister therein, or to be a missionary as aforesaid, or to be employed in the sacred work of the ministry with the sanction of the Bishop and Standing Committee;

Provided also, That no clergyman under Ecclesiastical censure shall have a seat or vote in Convention.

The laymen shall consist of one delegate from each Parish, chosen by the vestry thereof, or if there be no vestry, by the congregation, from among the parishioners;

Provided, That every Parish having more than one officiating minister, who hath been regularly and canonically elected, shall be entitled to send as many delegates as it has ministers who are entitled to seats in the Convention. But before any lay delegate shall take his seat, he shall subscribe the following declaration :

"I do hereby declare my belief in the Christian Religion, and attachment to the Protestant Episcopal Church, and profess myself a member thereof."

ARTICLE IV.

Eight members of the clerical, and eight of the lay order, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business ; but a smaller number may adjourn.

ARTICLE V.

In all matters that shall come before the Convention, the clergy and laity shall deliberate in one body ; but if upon any question it shall be required by five members, the two orders shall vote separately ; and the concurrence of a majority of each order shall be necessary to give validity to any measure.

ARTICLE VI.

The election of a Bishop of this Church shall be made in Convention, in the following manner : The order of the clergy shall nominate and appoint, by ballot, some fit and qualified clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States for that office, and the votes of two-thirds of that order shall be requisite to constitute a choice ; and thereupon, such appointment shall be presented to the order of the lay delegates, and be considered by them, and if, on a ballot, it shall appear that the person so nominated is approved of by two-thirds of the lay order, he shall be then declared to be duly elected ;

Provided, That whenever it shall be proposed to elect an Assistant Bishop of this Diocese, notice thereof shall be given at an Annual Convention, and the election shall take place at the succeeding Annual Convention.

ARTICLE VII.

The Bishop of the Church in this Diocese shall be President of the Convention ; in which character it shall be his duty to give to the Convention, as often as he may deem expedient, a general view of the state of the Church ; to call special Conventions at whatever times and places he may think necessary ; to preserve order during the time of session ; to put the question, collect the votes, and declare the decision. He shall not enter into debate ; but he may deliver his sentiments on any subject after it has been discussed, before a vote thereon.

ARTICLE VIII.

In case of a vacancy in the Episcopal Office, the Convention, immediately upon their assembling, shall choose, by joint ballot, a President from among the order of Priests, who shall remain in office until the next election of a President. He shall perform all the duties and possess all the privileges above specified ; but he shall not call special meetings of the Convention, unless

applied to for that purpose by a majority of the Standing Committee. And if while there is a Bishop in this Church he shall not be present at any meeting of the Convention, they shall elect, in the manner aforesaid, a President "*pro tempore*."

ARTICLE IX.

A Secretary shall likewise be chosen, immediately upon the assembling of the Annual Convention, by a joint ballot, who shall remain in office until the next election of a Secretary;

Provided, That if only one person be nominated, a ballot may be dispensed with.

His duty shall be to make minutes of their proceedings; to preserve their journals and records; to attest the public acts of the body; and faithfully to deliver into the hands of his successor all books and papers relative to the concerns of the Convention which may be in his possession. It shall be his duty to notify, through the channel of such public papers as he may think proper, the time and place appointed for the meeting of the succeeding Convention.

ARTICLE X.

A Treasurer shall be annually chosen by the joint ballot of the Convention, who shall remain in office until the election of a successor;

Provided, That if only one person be nominated, a ballot may be dispensed with.

His duties shall be those usually appertaining to that office; and he shall annually report to the Convention an account of its funds. In the event of a vacancy by death or otherwise, the Bishop may appoint a Treasurer *pro tempore*, who shall continue in office until the next meeting of the Convention: and he shall deliver over to his successor all books and property in his custody.

ARTICLE XI.

Before the adjournment of each Annual Convention, a Standing Committee, consisting of five members, shall be chosen from among the order of Priests by a joint ballot of the clergy and laity; and if a vacancy shall occur by death, removal, resignation, or otherwise, the remaining members, or a majority of them, shall be authorized to fill such vacancy, always supplying the vacancy by one of the order of Priests. In all elections of committees by joint ballot, no member of the said committee shall be elected unless he shall receive a majority of the votes of all the attending members.

ARTICLE XII.

This Constitution shall be unalterable, except in the following manner: A proposition for any change shall be introduced in writing, and considered in Convention; and, if approved of, the same shall be transmitted to the several vestries of the Parishes and separate congregations entitled to representation in the Convention; and if again approved of, in the next ensuing Convention, by a majority of the respective orders voting thereon separately, the change shall take place, and the Constitution so altered shall be valid and obligatory.

CANONS,

AS PASSED BY THE CONVENTION, JUNE 10TH, 1869.

CANON I.

Of the titles of Clergymen to Seats in Convention.

No clergyman removing from another Diocese into this Diocese shall be entitled to a seat in the Convention as having been regularly and canonically elected into a Parish or separate congregation, unless it shall have been signified to the Secretary of the Convention by the Ecclesiastical authority, that he had furnished the certificate required by Title I, Canon 12, Sec. VII, (1 and 2,) of the Digest of the General Convention.

No clergyman shall be entitled to a seat in the Convention on the ground that he is employed in the sacred work of the ministry with the sanction of the Bishop and Standing Committee, unless at least three months before the meeting of the Convention he shall have furnished to the Secretary a certificate to that effect.

CANON II.

Absentees from the Convention to be noted.

At every meeting of the Convention it shall be the duty of the Secretary to report the names of such clergymen entitled to seats as may have absented themselves from two successive Conventions, and the Convention shall take such order thereon as may be deemed expedient.

CANON III.

Of the Erection of New Parishes or Congregations.

No part of a Parish shall separate itself from the residue thereof as a distinct Parish, nor shall any number of members of the Protestant Episcopal Church in any Parish associate themselves as a separate congregation therein, without first obtaining leave of the Convention, who shall judge of the necessity and expediency of such separation: and leave thus obtained for such separation or association shall be a guarantee that the parties interested shall, on application, be received into union with this Convention;

Provided, however, That no Parish or congregation, although constituted with the consent of the Convention, shall be considered as a part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, without a strict conformity on the part of such Parish or congregation to the use of the liturgy of the said Church, nor without a compliance, in case of a Parish, with the provisions of the act entitled, "An act for the establishment of Vestries for each Parish in this State," passed November session, 1798, or, in case of a congregation, with the provisions of the Act of Assembly of 1868.

CANON IV.

Provision for defraying certain Expenses.

The vestry of each Parish or Church shall, at every Annual Convention, pay to the Treasurer such sums as may be required from them respectively, by resolution of the Convention, from time to time, for the purpose of paying the salary of the Bishop, the travelling expenses of the Standing Committee and the delegates to the General Convention, printing the Journal, compensation to the Secretary, and other incidental expenses of the Convention.

CLERICAL DISCIPLINE.

CANON V.

Of offences for which a Clergyman may be brought to Trial.

Every presbyter or deacon of this Diocese who shall wilfully disobey the Constitution, or any Canon, of the General Convention of this Church, or of this Diocese, or any rubric, or shall fall into a general neglect of public worship, or engage in gaming or any other vicious or corrupting amusement, or shall frequent places most liable to be abused to licentiousness, or commit any disorderly or scandalous action, or violate any of the Divine precepts, or his ordination vow, or shall teach or publicly avow any heretical doctrine, or shall without lawful cause discontinue the exercise of the ministerial office, or separate himself from the communion of the Church, shall be liable to Ecclesiastical trial and censure.

CANON VI.

Of the mode of instituting Proceedings against Clergymen.

Whenever the Bishop shall, either from his own observation or from any information which he shall deem worthy of notice, have reason to believe that there are grounds for an investigation into the conduct of any priest or deacon of this Diocese, he may in his discretion convene the Standing Committee, and lay before them the information in his possession. And whenever the Standing Committee, or a majority of them, shall, from any information so laid before them by the Bishop, or from any other information which they, or a majority of them, may think worthy of notice, be of opinion that it is proper that a judicial investigation of the conduct of any priest or deacon should take place, they shall present that fact to the Bishop, with such a general statement of the facts of the case as may serve for a groundwork upon which charges may be drawn. It shall be the duty of the Bishop, upon the receipt of such presentment, to cause the charge or charges to be drawn up in such form as will, with reasonable certainty, give to the accused notice of the particular matters charged as offences. The style of the charge or charges shall be, "Articles of charges against ———, exhibited on behalf of the Church to the Bishop of the Diocese of Easton, by ———, acting as Church Advocate, in consequence of a presentment made to the said Bishop by the Standing Committee of the said Diocese."

CANON VII.

Of Advocates and of Parties.

Whenever it shall be determined to bring to trial any clergyman, the Bishop shall appoint one person as Church Advocate, whose duty it shall be to prepare the charges and conduct the trial on the part of the Church. It shall also be his duty to reduce the charges into form. He shall conduct the case with a single eye to eliciting the truth, and shall regard himself as much bound to protect the interests of the accused, except in matters merely technical, as those of the Church. The Church Advocate shall be considered the party on the one side, and the accused on the other. The accused shall have a right to call in any one person whom he may choose to assist him.

CANON VIII.

Of Ecclesiastical Courts.

There shall be an Ecclesiastical Court for the Diocese of Easton, to try any such charges as may be preferred against any priest or deacon of said Diocese. It shall be composed of three presbyters, not members of the Standing Committee. They shall be elected by ballot, at the regular session of the Diocesan Convention, once in three years, and shall continue in office until others shall have been chosen in their places. The Bishop, by and with the advice and consent of a majority of the Standing Committee, shall have power to fill all vacancies which may occur by death, resignation, removal from the Diocese, or election into the Episcopate or Standing Committee, until the meeting of the next Annual Convention. The Court may appoint a layman, learned in the law, who shall act as assessor, and who shall be present at all the proceedings. It shall be his duty to give his opinion on any question of law which may arise, upon which the Court or any member thereof may desire his opinion; but he shall have no voice in the decision of any question. Whenever a charge or charges against any priest or deacon of this Diocese shall have been reduced to writing by the Church Advocate, agreeably to the provisions of the canons, it shall be his duty to deliver to the Bishop two copies of the same signed with his own hand. It shall then be the duty of the Bishop to transmit one of the said copies to the accused, together with notice of the time and place of trial, both of which the Bishop shall prescribe. The charges and notice shall be delivered to the accused or left at his place of abode, at least thirty days before the time appointed for the trial. The Bishop shall also issue a precept, directed to all the members of the Ecclesiastical Court, requiring them to proceed to the trial of the accused, at the prescribed time and place; which precept, together with another copy of the charges signed by the Church Advocate, shall be transmitted by the Bishop to the President of the Court, whose duty it shall be, upon receipt of the same, to cause all the members of the Court to be summoned to meet at the prescribed time and place. It shall be the duty of the members of the Court to convene immediately after the election, at a time and place to be appointed by the Bishop. And they shall elect from their own body a President. And they shall also appoint a Secretary. It shall be the duty of the Secretary, within five days after such election, and after every change in the office of President, to notify the Bishop of the name of the person chosen President.

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AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE CONVENTION OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE DIOCESE OF EASTON.

Whereas, A new Diocese of the Protestant Episcopal Church, under the name and style of the Diocese of Easton, has been established within the State of Maryland, embracing the counties of the Eastern Shore, viz: Cecil, Kent, Caroline, Queen Anne's, Talbot, Dorchester, Wicomico, Somerset, and Worcester, formerly constituting a part of and embraced within the limits of the Diocese of Maryland; therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the persons who now constitute and may hereafter constitute the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in "The Diocese of Easton" shall be, and they are hereby incorporated, and made a body corporate and politic, by the name of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the "Diocese of Easton," and by that name they and their successors, to be elected, appointed, and qualified according to the form and effect of the Constitution of said Diocese, for the time being, shall have perpetual succession, and by that name be capable of suing and being sued in any Court of Law or Equity in this State, and shall have and use a common seal, and the same break, alter, and renew at pleasure, and shall have and exercise such other powers as shall or may be necessary or proper to carry into effect the objects of this incorporation.*

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted, That the said Corporation shall have the same power and authority now granted by law to the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Maryland, for like purposes in said Diocese, to take and hold subscriptions or contributions in money or otherwise, and the same to invest, manage, and administer for the support of the Episcopate in the Diocese of Easton, and for the various religious or charitable associations now existing or hereafter to exist in the nine counties of the Eastern Shore aforesaid.*

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Convention of the Protestant Church of the Diocese of Easton hereby incorporated, within the nine counties of the Eastern Shore aforesaid, to divide or unite Parishes, to alter or adjust their bounds, and to constitute new Parishes in the manner prescribed in Section 33 of an Act for the establishment of Vestries in each Parish in this State, passed 1798, chapter 24.*

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted, That this Act shall be and the same is hereby declared to be void and of no effect unless it shall be accepted by said Convention.*

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SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

FERDINAND C. LATROBE,
Speaker House of Delegates.

BARNES COMPTON,
President of the Senate.

Approved February 19th, 1870.

ODEN BOWIE, *Governor,*

MARYLAND, *Sct:*

I, JAMES S. FRANKLIN, Clerk of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and true copy of Chapter 23 of the Acts of January Session, 1870, of the General Assembly of Maryland, as taken from the original engrossed Bill deposited in and belonging to the office of the said Court of Appeals.

In testimony whereof I hereto set my hand as Clerk and affix the Seal of the said Court of Appeals this 27th day of April, A. D., 1870.

JAMES S. FRANKLIN,
Clerk Court of Appeals of Maryland.

its annual meeting, and also before the annual Convention of the Diocese of Easton, a report countersigned by the President, stating all particulars of receipts and disbursements for and on account of the Institution, and also a summary report to the Board of Managers at its stated meetings, whenever called upon for that purpose.

ARTICLE X.

This Institution shall be located in or near Easton, Talbot County, Maryland, and the business operations of the corporation shall be carried on in the building, also the principal office of the corporation shall be there located, and its corporate existence shall continue for the period of thirty-nine years.

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The annual meeting of the members of this Institution shall be held on the second Thursday of May of each year, or on such day within thirty days thereafter as shall from time to time be fixed by the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE XII.

This Constitution shall not be altered, except at a special meeting of the Board of Managers called for that purpose on one month's previous notice, and no alteration shall take effect unless passed by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and approved by the Bishop and Convention of the Diocese of Easton.

ARTICLE XIII.

The following persons shall compose the Board of Managers, until their successors are appointed, as provided for in Article IV of this Constitution :

Mrs. ELIZA W. LAY, *President.*
 Mrs. SIDNEY C. HUTTON, *Vice-President.*
 Mrs. ELEANOR A. GOLDSBOROUGH, *Treasurer.*
 Miss ALICE E. COLQUHOUN, *Corresponding Secretary.*
 Mrs. ANNA MARIA TILGHMAN, *Recording Secretary.*

Managers.

Miss ANNE M. LI. EARLE,
 Mrs. LUCY A. POWELL,
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 Mrs. A. MARGARETTA HOLLYDAY,
 Mrs. AMELIA G. PINKNEY,
 Mrs. S. CATHERINE CHAMBERLAINE,
 Mrs. SUSAN G. POWELL,
 Miss ELEANORA M. GOLDSBOROUGH.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *we do hereby subscribe our names and affix our seals on this eighteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy.*

ANNA M. LI. EARLE,	[Seal.]
D. CORNELIA DAWSON,	[Seal.]
SIDNEY C. HUTTON,	[Seal.]
HENRIETTA M. TILGHMAN,	[Seal.]
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Witness :

P. W. STEWART.

STATE OF MARYLAND, TALBOT COUNTY, *to wit :*

Be it remembered, and it is hereby certified, that on this eighteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy, before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland in and for the county aforesaid, personally appeared Anna M. Li. Earle, D. Cornelia Dawson, Sidney C. Hutton, Henrietta M. Tilghman, Anna K. Dawson, Alice E. Colquhoun, Maria E. Pascault, Augusta Tilghman, S. Catherine Chamberlaine, Mary S. Pinkney, Agnes R. Tilghman, Anna M. Tilghman, Eliza W. Lay, Lucy A. Powell, Susan G. Powell, Elizabeth G. Loveday, Josephine H. Hayward, Eleanora M. Goldsborough, of Talbot County, and acknowledge the foregoing certificate or instrument of writing to be their act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, *I have hereunto subscribed my hand on the day and year aforesaid.*

P. W. STEWART, J. P.

STATE OF MARYLAND, *to wit :*

Be it remembered that I, JNO. M. ROBINSON, Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Talbot County, have examined the foregoing certificate and find the same to be in conformity with the law, and I do hereby order and direct the same to be recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the County aforesaid.

JNO. M. ROBINSON.

ERRATA.

On page 8, Somerset County, the name of the Rev. Jno. D. Barton, should be John O. Barton.

On page 19, line 7, for Convocations read *Convocation*.

On page 37, line 1st, line 5th, line 11th, read *dispensed* for disposed.

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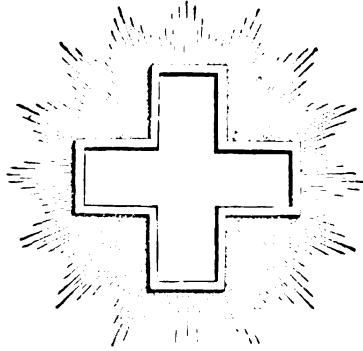
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MEETINGS OF CONVOCATIONS.

NORTHERN.

REV. PAUL TRAPIER, D. D., *Dean.*

First Tuesday in October at North East. First Tuesday in February at Chestertown. First Tuesday in May at Elkton.

MIDDLE.

REV. THEODORE P. BARBER, *Dean.*

Third Tuesday in October in Whitmarsh Parish, Talbot. Third Tuesday in February at Easton. Third Tuesday in May at Cambridge.

SOUTHERN.

REV. JOHN CROSDALE, *Dean.*

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The times and places above named are subject to such changes as may be made by the respective Deans with the sanction of the Bishop.

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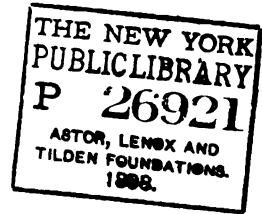
Protestant Episcopal Church

IN THE

DIOCESE OF EASTON.

HELD IN TRINITY CHURCH, ELKTON, June 7th, 8th and 9th, 1871.

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The Fourth Annual Convention
WILL BE HELD IN
ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, PRINCESS ANNE.
On Wednesday, June 5th. 1872.



LIST OF THE CLERGY
OF THE
DIOCESE OF EASTON, JUNE 7TH, 1871.

*. * These whose names are in *italics* were declared not entitled to seats in Convention, and those marked with a * did not attend its session.

The Rev. JOHN CRO-DALE, Rector of Pocomoke Parish, Somerset and Worcester Cos.

" " THEODORE P. BARBER, Rector of Great Choptank Parish, Dorchester Co.

" " **John A. Thompson.*

" " ERASTUS F. DASHIELL, Rector of St. Michael's Parish, Talbot Co.

" " *GEORGE F. BEAVEN, Rector of St. John's Parish, Caroline Co.

" " JAMES L. BRYAN, M. D., Deacon, Assistant Minister of Great Choptank Parish.
Dorchester Co.

" " **George W. E. Fisse*, P. O., Easton.

" " *THOMAS L. GREEN, Rector of St. Luke's Parish, Queen Anne's Co.

" " JOSEPH N. WATTSON, Rector of Christ Church Parish, Queen Anne's Co.

" " JOHN O. BARTON, Rector of Somerset Parish, Somerset Co.

" " *WILLIAM FULTON, Rector of Spring Hill Parish, Wicomico Co.

" " ARISTIDES S. SMITH, Rector of St. Paul's Parish, Queen Anne's Co.

" " W. DOANE MITCHELL, Rector of Trinity Church, Elkton.

" " JAMES T. HUTCHESON, Rector of Worcester Parish, Worcester Co.

" " JAMES A. MITCHELL, Rector of Whitmarsh Parish, Talbot Co.

" " ROBERT WILSON, M. D., Rector of St. Peter's Parish, Talbot Co.

" " THOMAS F. BILLOFF, Rector of North Sassafras Parish, Cecil Co.

" " WILLIAM C. BUTLER, Rector of North Kent Parish, Kent Co.

Diocesan Convention of Easton.

The Rev. LORENZO S. RUSSELL, Rector of North Elk. or St. Mary Anne's Parish, Cecil Co.

" " OGLE MARBURY, Deacon, Minister of All Hallows Parish, Worcester Co.

" " PAUL TRAPIER, D. D., Rector of Shrewsbury Parish, Kent Co.

" " JOHN MARTIN, Missionary at Port Deposit, Cecil Co.

" " EDWARD J. STEARNS, officiating in Elkton.

" " *William B. Everett, M. D.*, Deacon, officiating in Wye Parish, Queen Anne's Co.

In all: 21 Priests and 3 Deacons=24.

LIST

OF PARISHES AND CONGREGATIONS IN THE DIOCESE OF
EASTON, WITH THE CLERGY OF THE SAME;

AND

OF LAY DELEGATES TO THE THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Lay Delegates marked with a * did not attend.

CAROLINE COUNTY.

Lay Delegates.

St. John's Parish.

St. Paul's Church, Hillsborough,

Rev. George F. Beaven, Rector.

G. W. Goldsborough, M.D.

St. Mary's, Whitechapel Parish.

*Geo. M. Russum.

CECIL COUNTY.

Augustine Parish.

St. Augustine Church,

Wm. B. Wirt.

St. Mary Anne's Parish.

St. Mary Anne's Church, Northeast,

St. Mark's Chapel, Perryville,

Rev. Lorenzo S. Russell, Rector. H. S. Coudon.

North Sassafras Parish.

St. Stephen's Church,

Rev. Thomas F. Billopp, Rector. Wm. M. Knight.

Trinity Church, Elkton,

Rev. W. Doane Mitchell, Rector. R. C. Mackall, M. D.

St. James' Church, Port Deposit,

Rev. John Martin, Minister in charge.

DORCHESTER COUNTY.

Dorchester Parish.

Trinity Church, Church Creek,

Trinity Chapel, Taylor's Island,

*Geo. W. Jefferson.

East New Market Parish.

St. Stephen's Church, East New Market, I. H. Wright.

Diocesan Convention of Easton.

Great Choptank Parish.

Lay Delegates.

Christ Church, Cambridge,

St. John's Chapel, Castle Haven Neck,

Rev. Theo. P. Barber, Rector.

" Jas. L. Bryan, Deacon,

Assistant Minister.

Danl. M. Henry,

Wm. R. Hayward, M. D.

Vienna Parish.

St. Paul's Church, Vienna,

Rev. Theo. P. Barber, Rector.

Jas. A. Higgins.

KENT COUNTY.

Chester Parish.

St. Paul's Church, Chestertown,

Wm. S. Walker.

I. U. Parish.

St. Peter's Church,

Sewell Hepbron.

North Kent Parish.

St. Clement's Church, Massey's X Roads.

Rev. Wm. C. Butler, Rector.

C. H. B. Massey, M. D.

St. Paul's Parish.

St. Paul's Church,

Thos. A. Hulme.

Shrewsbury Parish.

Shrewsbury Church,

Rev. Paul Trapier, D.D., Rector. Robert E. Wallis.

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY.

Christ Church Parish.

Christ Church, Kent Island,

Rev. Jos. N. Wattson, Rector.

*W. E. G. Newnam.

St. Luke's Parish.

St. Luke's Church, Church Hill,

Rev. Thomas L. Green, Rector.

Jno. Brown.

St. Paul's Parish.

St. Paul's Church, Centreville,

Rev. Aristides S. Smith, Rector.

C. D. Wright.

QUEEN ANNE'S AND TALBOT COUNTIES.

Wye Parish.

St. Luke's Church, Queenstown,

St. Luke's Chapel, Wye,

Rev. Wm. B. Everett, M. D.,

Rector elect.

*R. B. Carmichael.

SOMERSET COUNTY.

Coventry Parish.

Rehoboth Church, Rehoboth,

St. Paul's Church, Annapessex,

St. Mark's Church, Kingston,

List of Parishes, &c.

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- St. Stephen's Church, Potato Neck, *Lay Delegates.*
Rev. John Crosdale,
Minister in charge. Geo. R. Dennis, M. D.
- Somerset Parish.
All Saints Church, Monie,
St. Andrew's Church, Princess Anne,
Rev. Jno. O. Barton, Rector. W. H. Gale, M. D.
- Wicomico Parish.
Grace Church.

SOMERSET AND WORCESTER COUNTIES.

- Pocomoke Parish.
St. Mary's Church, Newtown,
Rev. Jno. Crosdale, Rector. *S. S. McMasters.

TALBOT COUNTY.

- St. Michael's Parish.
St. Michael's Church, St. Michael's,
St. John's Church, Miles River Ferry,
St. Paul's Chapel, Royal Oak,
Rev. Erastus F. Dashiell, Rector. Geo. R. Goldsborough.
- St. Peter's Parish.
Christ Church, Easton,
Rev. Robt. Wilson, M. D., Rector. J. L. Adkins, M. D.
- Church of the Holy Trinity, Oxford, Tench Tilghman.
- Whitemarsh Parish.
St. Peter's Church, Whitemarsh,
St. Paul's Church, Trappe,
Rev. Jas. A. Mitchell, Rector. E. M. Hardcastle, M. D.

WICOMICO COUNTY.

- St. Matthew's Parish.
St. Matthew's Church.
- Spring Hill Parish.
St. Peter's Church,
St. Peter's Chapel, Salisbury,
St. Philip's Chapel, Quantico,
Rev. William Fulton, Rector. *Wm. Waller.
- Stepney Parish.
Stepney Church, Green Hill,
St. Mary's Chapel, Tyaskin.

WORCESTER COUNTY.

- All Hallows Parish.
All Hallows Church, Snow Hill,
St. John's Church, Traptown,
Chapel of the Holy Cross, Sandy Hill,
Rev. Ogle Marbury, Rector. B. Everett Smith.

*Diocesan Convention of Easton.***Worcester Parish.***Lay Delegates.*

St. Paul's Church, Berlin,

St. Martin's Church, St. Martin's,

Rev. Jas. T. Hutcheson, Rector. *J. R. Purnell.

In all: 33 Incorporated Parishes and congregations (represented at the Third Annual Convention by 23 Lay Delegates) and 17 Chapels.

*OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES OF THE THIRD
ANNUAL CONVENTION.*

OFFICERS:

The Right Rev. HENRY CHAMPLIN LAY, D.D., LL.D.,
President.

The Rev. JAS. L. BRYAN, M. D.,
Secretary, Cambridge, Md.

WM. S. WALKER,
Assistant Secretary.

THOMAS HUGHLETT, ESQ.,
Treasurer, Easton, Md.

J. L. ADKINS, M. D.,
Treasurer of Diocesan Missions Fund, Easton.

The Rev. THEO. P. BARBER,
Registrar of the Diocese.

Standing Committee:

the Rev. Jno. Crosdale, (President), Newtown; the Rev. Theo. P. Barber, (Secretary,) Cambridge; the Rev. John O. Barton, the Rev. E. F. Dashiell, the Rev. Robert Wilson, M. D.

Ecclesiastical Court:

the Rev. A. S. Smith, the Rev. Joseph N. Wattson, the Rev. Jas. A. Mitchell.

Trustees of the Episcopal Fund:

Messrs. J. L. Adkins, M. D., Richard B. Carmichael, H. H. Dashiell, Geo. R. Goldsborough, E. L. F. Hardcastle, Wm. S. Walker, Geo. B. Westcott.

Committee on the State of the Church:

the Rev. A. S. Smith, the Rev. John Martin, the Rev. Robert Wilson, M. D.
Messrs. J. L. Adkins, M. D., R. C. Mackall, M. D.

On Canons:

the Rev. Theo. P. Barber, the Rev. Paul Trapier, D.D., Mr. D. M. Henry.

*Diocesan Convention of Easton.**Diocesan Missions Committee:*

the Bishop of the Diocese, (Pres.,) the Rev. Paul Trapier, D.D., the
Rev. Theo. P. Barber, the Rev. John Crosdale.
Messrs. J. L. Adkins, M. D., (Treas.,) Jos. M. Chamberlaine, M. D.

Committee on Church Property in Caroline county:

Messrs. Jas. T. Earle, Geo. R. Goldsborough, Danl. M. Henry.

Council of Advice of the Home of Friendless Children of the Eastern Shore of Maryland:

the Rev. Robert Wilson, M. D., the Rev. E. F. Dashiell,
Messrs. Jno. M. Goldsborough, J. L. Adkins, M. D., E. M. Hardcastle,
M. D.

Trustees of the General Theological Seminary:

the Rev. E. F. Dashiell, the Rev. Jos. N. Wattson, the Rev. E. J. Stearns,
the Rev. Jas. A. Mitchell.

Deputies to General Convention:

the Rev. Theo. P. Barber, the Rev. John O. Barton, the Rev. John Cros-
dale, the Rev. E. F. Dashiell,
Messrs. Geo. R. Goldsborough, R. C. Mackall, M. D., S. S. McMasters,
Wm. S. Walker.

The Board of Examiners in Theology:

the Rev. Paul Trapier, D.D., the Rev. E. J. Stearns, the Rev. Theo. P.
Barber.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with prayer.
2. This Convention shall sit for the dispatch of business, beginning with Divine service, at such hours as each Convention may determine.
3. At the opening of the session, the Convention shall be called to order by the Bishop ; or, if there be no Bishop, or he be absent, by the President of the Standing Committee, or by some member of that body appointed by those of its members who may be present.
4. The names of the Clergymen, from a list furnished by the Bishop, and if there be no Bishop, by the Standing Committee, shall then be called over by the Secretary of last Convention ; or, in his absence, by some person appointed by the Bishop or other person who called the Convention to order. The Lay Delegates shall then lay their certificates upon the table, and subscribe the Declaration required by the Constitution. If a quorum of both orders appear, the Bishop, if present, shall announce the fact, and declare that the Convention is organized and ready for business.
5. In case of the absence of the Bishop, or of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the person who called the Convention to order shall announce that there is a quorum present. The Convention shall then proceed to elect a President, according to the seventh article of the Constitution ; who shall, so soon as his election is completed, take the chair and declare that the Convention is organized and ready for business.
6. The first business after that declaration is made, either by the Bishop or the President, shall be the election of a Secretary. The Chair may then appoint an Assistant Secretary and the Committees mentioned in the next Rule.
7. The following Committees shall be appointed by the Chair : One on Rights of Clergymen to Seats in this Convention, consisting of three clergymen ; one on Elections, to consist of three laymen, to whom the testimonials of the Lay Delegates shall be referred ; one on Accounts, to consist of three laymen ; one on Parochial Contributions, to consist of three laymen ; one on the Admission of New Parishes and Congregations into union with this Convention, to consist of two clergymen and one layman ; one on the Episcopal Fund, to consist of two laymen and one clergyman ; and one of Canons and other business, to consist of two clergymen and one layman. The Chair shall also appoint all other Committees for the appointment of which no other provision is made, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.
8. Every member shall take his seat when the President takes the chair, and remain uncovered until he shall have left the Convention.
9. Every member who shall speak in any debate shall stand up in his place and respectfully address himself to the President.
10. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the President shall decide who shall speak first

11. No member shall speak more than twice in any debate without leave. If any member shall rise to speak more than twice on the same question without leave, the President shall call him to order. No member shall be interrupted while he is speaking in order.

12. Any member who is speaking shall take his seat when called to order by the President or any other member.

13. No member shall speak to another so as to interrupt any member who may be speaking in debate.

14. No motion shall be debated until the same shall be seconded, and, if desired by any member, reduced to writing and read by the Secretary.

15. When a motion is made and seconded, the matter of the motion shall receive a determination by the question, before any motion not privileged shall be received.

16. Privileged motions, in their order of precedence, shall be to adjourn, to postpone indefinitely, to lay on the table, to amend, and to offer a substitute; the question on the first three to be taken without debate.

17. If a question contain more parts than one, any member may have the same divided into as many questions as there are parts.

18. All questions of order shall be decided by the President; but there shall be a right of appeal to the Convention.

19. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention, and shall not be again drawn into debate during the session, except with the consent of two-thirds of the Convention.

20. No question shall be taken on any Report, unless upon a motion to print or re-commit it; but Reports shall, as of course, lie upon the table. If a Committee deem any action of the Convention desirable, it shall be their duty to present in writing such Resolutions, Acts, or Canons as they may think it should adopt; which only shall be subject to the action of the Convention. Every Act which divides a Parish, or in any way affects Parish Boundaries, shall distinctly set out the new boundaries which it is intended to establish. The Convention will not act upon any proposed Resolution, Act, or Canon, which is not conformed to the provisions of this rule.

21. All Elections shall be by ballot, unless otherwise ordered; the votes of the clergy and laity shall be received and counted separately; but the vote shall be regarded as a joint one, and the election shall be decided by a majority of the whole number of votes taken together, unless a vote by Orders shall have been required agreeably to the fifth article of the Constitution.

22. The foregoing Rules of Order shall be deemed and considered the Rules of Order of all future Conventions, until altered or rescinded; and the same shall be published in the Journal of each Convention.

JOURNAL OF CONVENTION.

THE THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION *of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Easton*, assembled in Trinity Church, Elkton, on Wednesday, the 7th day of June, 1871, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Morning prayer was said by the Rev. Messrs. Everett and Stearns, assisted by the Rev. H. R. Scott of the Diocese of Maryland. The Ante-Communion service was said by the Rev. Messrs. Crosdale and Barber. The Convention sermon was preached by the Rev. Paul Trapier, D. D., from the 15th and 16th verses of the 4th chapter of the Epistle to the Ephesians. The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Crosdale and Barber.

Divine service concluded, the Right Rev. the President called the Convention to order.

The Rev. Jas. L. Bryan, Secretary of the last Convention, proceeded to call the roll of clergy entitled to seats, from a list furnished by the Bishop, when the following answered to their names:

Rev. Mr. Barber,	Rev. Mr. Mitchell, Jas. A.
“ Barton,	“ Mitchell, W. D.
“ Billopp,	“ Russell,
“ Bryan,	“ Smith,
“ Crosdale,	“ Stearns,
“ Dashiell,	“ Trapier, Paul, D. D.
“ Marbury,	“ Wattson,
“ Martin,	“ Wilson,

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The Rev. Mr. Everett was also present, but *not* entitled to a seat.

The several Parishes and Congregations being called in order, the following gentlemen responded as Lay Delegates, viz :

Mr. Adkins,	Mr. Higgins,
" Brown,	" Hulme,
" Coudon,	" Knight,
" Geo. R. Goldsborough,	" Mackall,
" G. W. Goldsborough,	" Massey,
" Hayward,	" Smith,
" Hardcastle,	" Walker,
" Henry,	" Wirt,

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A quorum of both orders being present, the President announced the first business in order to be the election of a Secretary.

The Rev. Mr. Barton nominated the Rev. Jas. L. Bryan, and the rule requiring the election by ballot being on motion suspended, the Rev. Mr. Bryan was re-elected.

The President appointed Mr. Wm. S. Walker, Assistant Secretary.

The President announced the following Committees :

Committee of Elections—Messrs. Hayward, Massey and Higgins.

Committee on Rights of Clergymen to Seats—The Rev. Messrs. Russell, Wilson and W. D. Mitchell.

The Rev. Mr. Stearns moved that the Convention adjourn daily at 1 P. M., to meet again at 4 P. M. Carried.

The Rev. Mr. Barber offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That all visiting Clergymen from other Dioceses, Clergymen of this Diocese not entitled to seats, and candidates for Holy Orders, be invited to seats, as honorary members, in this Convention.

The resolution being seconded, was adopted.

The Rev. Messrs. Scott and Walter Mitchell of the Diocese of Maryland, took seats in the Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Russell, from the Committee on Rights of Clergymen to seats, reported the following list of Clergy entitled to seats and votes, viz :

The Rev. Messrs. Barber, Barton, Beaven, Billopp, Bryan.

Butler, Crosdale, Dashiell, Fulton, Green, Hutcheson, Martin, Marbury, Mitchell, Jas. A., Mitchell, W. D., Russell, Smith, Stearns, Trapier, Wattson, Wilson.

There being no objection, the report was accepted.

The Rev. Mr. Barton moved that the Convention do now adjourn. Carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After appropriate religious services conducted by the Bishop, the President called the Convention to order.

Mr. Hayward, from the Committee of Elections, reported the following Lay Delegates as entitled to seats and votes, viz :

Messrs. Adkins, Brown, Carmichael, Coudon, Dennis, Gale, Goldsborough, Geo. R., Goldsborough, G. W., Hardcastle, Hayward, Henry, Hepbron, Higgins, Hulme, Jefferson, Knight, Mackall, Massey, McMasters, Newnam, Purnell, Russum, Smith, Tilghman, Wallis, Walker, Waller, Wirt, Wright, C. D., Wright, I. H.

There being no objection, the report was accepted.

The President announced the following Committees :

On the State of the Church—The Rev. Messrs. Smith, Martin and Wilson, and Messrs. Adkins and Mackall.

On Canons—The Rev. Messrs. Barber, Trapier, D. D., and Mr. D. M. Henry.

On Accounts—Messrs. Massey, Brown and Smith.

On Parochial Contributions—Messrs. Hardcastle, Hayward and Goldsborough, G. W.

On Admission of New Parishes—The Rev. Messrs. Wattson, Russell, and Mr. Goldsborough, Geo. R.

Committee on Episcopal Fund—The Rev. Mr. Dashiell, Messrs. Henry and Massey.

The Bishop then proceeded to read his annual address.

ADDRESS.

BRETHREN BELOVED IN THE LORD :

As we review the work of the Church in this Diocese during the past year, we cannot point to any evidences of decided growth. We have some reason to believe that our people are advancing in the knowledge and the love of God. We may well be thankful for the quietness and peace we have enjoyed, and for the absence of any influence among ourselves to hinder us in our holy work. I know, too, that we should not be impatient of results, for there must be a seed-time as well as a harvest.

And yet it becomes us, on such an occasion as this, to estimate our results, to ascertain our deficiencies, and to consider the future that lies before us.

The Diocese has been kept in good working order. The Clergy seem to me as a body to have been very faithful and diligent in their parochial ministrations ; and after all, our chief occupation lies in duties none the less honorable or useful because they fall of necessity into a regular order and system. But beyond holding our own, we have not much on which to felicitate ourselves. Our Clergy list, in point of numbers, stands as before ; we have lost by removal five of our Presbyters, four of whom were Rectors of Parishes, men of standing and experience, whose withdrawal grieved us much, and was felt to be a shock to the Diocese. We have in their places five others, all working men, of whom three are experienced Presbyters, and two are yet in their diaconate. So that in this respect we stand much as we did a year ago.

The Confirmations have fallen somewhat below those reported last year. Some new missionary work has been undertaken, and is in the way of successful prosecution ; but this is counterbalanced by the recollection of parishes unsupplied, and of several churches and chapels whose doors have long been closed.

It becomes us, my brethren, to see things as they are, to weigh the facts with an equable mind and with distinct regard to our practical duty. We need not be concerned as to our seeming in the eyes of others. Our one anxiety should be to be true to our duty, and to neglect nothing that will promote the success of the Church in our midst.

We have in comparison with other

committed to us ; we have not a Church building, I suppose, that has cost \$10,000, and very few that approach that cost. The highest salary paid to any Rector is \$1200. We have scarce any who may be called wealthy among our people ; and one familiar with the Diocese might enumerate in a very few moments those members of the Church whose income enables them to do single-handed acts of munificence. And when we recall the continued disasters of late years, when one observes the financial distress so generally prevalent, we recognize this our poverty as an element to be considered in estimating what we have done, and what we should undertake to do in the future.

The children of this world, wise in their generation, are ever telling us how much may be made out of a little by means of sagacity, forethought, economy, and how certain ventures of faith are necessary in our every-day business in order to secure a large return. We have the divine warrant for seeking to emulate this worldly wisdom in providing for the sacred interests entrusted to us.

We are assembled here to-day as the Legislature of this Diocese. Our meeting at all in this capacity implies that results may be accomplished by consultation and united action, beyond and besides those which we reach in our individual spheres of labor. For myself, I realize that my responsibility to the Church has not been discharged by mere diligence in visiting the Parishes, or by readiness to answer any demand made upon me for spiritual help by individuals or by communities. It is my duty to point you *ad excelsiora*, to suggest and to urge upon you, earnestly and yet modestly, such measures as may deepen the foundations, enlarge the influence, and enhance the beauty of the Church within our borders.

You, brethren, are not merely Rectors of Parishes, and Lay-representatives of Parishes, but in a sense custodians of the Diocese. You have no very grave matters of canon law to occupy your attention, no disorders to quiet, no controversies to adjust. What say you? May we not with one accord, Bishop, Priests and Laymen, under the auspices of that same Holy One who presided in the Council of *Constantinople*, address ourselves chiefly to determining what measures we may adopt to bring this Diocese of Easton up to the standard of the Church. I have looked with interest to the expression of your views, and I invite the freest expression of your views on the well-being of the Diocese.

MAINTENANCE OF THE CLERGY.

It is not without reluctance that I suggest for your consideration the matter of the support of the Parochial Clergy. Far better would it be if we could set in order the things that are wanting by private consultation and advice. But the neglect is so great, and the problem to be solved so difficult, that I feel obliged to appeal to this body, and especially to the Lay members of it, to lend us the aid of their practical wisdom and financial skill.

Were a competent support afforded to the Clergy, there need not be a single vacant Parish in the Diocese. I have during the past year declined the overtures of twice or thrice as many clergymen as are needed to fill all vacancies. The salaries offered do not in most cases justify any man with a family in taking service among us.

Moreover, the laborers whom we have are not able to work effectively. They are so hampered by straitened circumstances, so deficient in the means of locomotion, so discouraged by the failure of their parishioners to keep faith with them, that they are not able to put forth their full strength, and to give themselves to prayer and the ministry of the Word.

I would be ashamed to tell you all that has come to my knowledge of these matters during the past year. The wonder still grows upon me that men who are certainly amiable and kind, should be content to impose burdens so heavy on their teacher and give him no help to bear them, and that gentlemen whose virtues entitle them to respect should evince no sense of shame when a distinct pecuniary obligation, all that the Clergyman has to rely upon, fails to be discharged.

A ready explanation is offered in the failure of crops and the scarcity of money. But we cannot admit this excuse so long as we see little abridgment of accustomed luxuries and comforts. Retrenchment even in one or two of the most common luxuries would overcome this difficulty. What shall we think when one who finds it necessary to curtail his expenditures, begins his economy with his religious privileges, and lops off his gift to the Lord as a superfluity with which he can readily dispense!

Sometimes when a Parish is not in healthy condition, the fault may be chargeable in good part to the Clergyman. The negligence of the congregation may be due to the indolence, or inefficiency, or impracticable temper of the minister.

This explanation has no place with us. The Clergy of this

Diocese are as a body not liable to reproach in these or like particulars. It is no more than due to them to say that I have never known nor ever expect to know a corps of Clergy more free from those evident faults by which the sacred ministry is sometimes hindered. Of the Parishes where covenanted engagements have not been met, there is not one whose members can honestly say, Our Clergyman is to blame ; the fault is in his indolence, his wastefulness, or his lack of amenity and Christian kindness.

Brethren, I am ashamed, as I have already said, even to allude to these delinquencies on the part of the people in duty towards those set over them in the Lord. To recite particulars were impossible.

And why do I bring these matters to your notice ? Partly in the hope of stirring up the zeal and energy of the chosen ones from the laity who are here with us to-day. For if one man in each Parish would realize the wrong and the opprobrium which come of such illiberality and failure to keep promises, and would make it his charge to set things in their true light before the community to which he belongs, the evil would be largely remedied.

But chiefly, brethren of the Laity, do I invoke the help of your counsel and advice. Tell the Clergy frankly whatever it behooves them to know. Tell me, I care not how bluntly, what as the Bishop of the Diocese I can do in this behalf, and I will listen as meekly as a child.

Can this Convention do anything to promote a more careful selection of fit persons to serve in the several Vestries ; or to encourage parishioners to use their right of selection, and to choose the men who are most likely to discharge the trust with zeal and fidelity ?

In the neighboring Diocese of Virginia the experiment has been tried with some success of exacting from each Parish a yearly statement of the amount pledged to the Clergyman, and when payable, and of the amount actually realized, and the times when it was paid.

I pray you, ponder these questions, and ascertain whether by this or any other device we can bring to bear upon Parishes the just pressure of an enlightened, religious and churchly sentiment.

DIOCESAN POLICY.

The time has come when we have need to determine upon some definite policy in our endeavors to build up the Diocese. We

need a vigorous and efficient diocesan system, if we would infuse life into the Parishes. Our work is but half done when we have each one assiduously cared for the responsibilities especially entrusted to him. We must use intelligence and invention, and so by united efforts inaugurate instruments and appliances to which separately we are unequal.

The stranger sees at a glance that the people of this Eastern Shore of Maryland have not done justice to their natural advantages. They have, for instance, in the waters around them an inheritance which, rightly used and economically expended, will yield an income for all time ; and yet waste and recklessness, and the greed of immediate results, have so imperiled this inheritance that the law must needs intervene.

Consider your railroads, each one built, and with difficulty, to promote a local interest, rivals rather than partners, all leading to a main line outside of the State, and worked in the interest of larger corporations ; whereas, had there been larger forethought and a more generous policy, the very same lines of iron linked together would have afforded an independent and continuous highway through the centre of your own country.

In order to visit most of the Parishes by public conveyance, the first thing to be done is to go outside of the Diocese and reach the Delaware Railroad. This necessity so constantly recurring has led me to ask, shall we repeat like mistakes in our Church work? Have we not wisdom enough to anticipate the progress of this country, which seems but lately to have recognized the functions to which it is specially adapted, and which will ultimately be occupied by gardens rather than by farms? Have we not disinterestedness enough to keep back individual preferences and the claims of special localities, and to labor all together to build up an efficient Diocesan organization? Have we not Churchliness enough to believe the power that resides in the Episcopate as a centre of unity?

We must have Church Schools ; as yet we have almost none. The people of Princess Anne urge the establishment of a school for girls in their vicinity. The people of Elkton, in a communication which will accompany this address, call attention to the advantages afforded by this town for a school for boys. We much need such institutions — Parochial schools, where the Parish is strong enough to sustain them, and especially Diocesan Boarding-schools, where our sons and our daughters may have superior ad

vantages. Without these we cannot hope to keep up a supply of intelligent Lay-workers, to have a supply of candidates for Holy Orders ; we cannot have, year by year, young men whom we can employ in Deacons' Orders, under the direction of the Bishop or of parish priests, to do the work that so presses upon us. Let us give our attention to this important matter, and take some step or other towards its promotion.

We may make some beginning of these institutions by availing ourselves of a favorable opening, and planting one Diocesan institution after another in different portions of the Diocese. I would have the Convention to lend its influence to all these local enterprises. But I cannot doubt that the See principle, as it is called, is the true principle. Let the Bishop have his official chair in some well-chosen place ; let there be gradually gathered around him some clergymen apt to teach ; let your schools be there, your Diocesan library, your houses of mercy. Let there be a church which shall be the oratory of the Diocese. Let the Clergy and the Laity be free to seek the Bishop and converse with him in his home and to share his morsel. In other words, let us have a fort, a strong place where the Church entrenches herself : a resort for those who desire spiritual profit, a home of learning, a centre whence influence shall radiate to all the extremities. We could not but derive benefit from such centralization, and such co-operation in effort. In order to ensure success, the school specially needs that oversight which the Bishop and his staff can give. The teachers need support, sympathy, restraint. Institutions thus grouped around a common centre, could not fail to be a mutual support.

So far as concerns the personal comfort of myself and family, I have had much reason to be grateful ; for I have been so fortunate as to occupy at a moderate rent a very delightful home, with room enough in it to entertain my brethren of the Clergy and Laity who are so kind as to visit me. My residence near Easton has brought me into intimate relations with the kindest friends, and I have been very specially indebted to the kind owner of this property for many facilities and advantages. But still I think it is much to be desired that the Episcopal residence should be permanent — the home of the Diocese, the property of the Diocese ; and this permanent Episcopal residence should be the groundwork of a general Diocesan system. I do not desire at all to anticipate your deliberations, and will be happy to defer to the

judgment of the Convention in all that has regard to the ulterior welfare of the Diocese. I trust that in your wisdom you may find it expedient to map out the great outlines of some plan by which the Episcopate may be made all that it is capable of becoming : the centre of unity, the source and fount of religious influence throughout the Diocese.

CONVOCATIONS.

The system of Convocations established by resolution of the Convention of 1869, has now come into effective working. I have been enabled during the past year to attend all the meetings, nine in number, and am persuaded that they subserve several valuable purposes. They afford opportunity for conference and mutual edification, needed by the Clergy, and especially the younger members of the order. They offer a rallying-point for Church people from different Parishes, and so tend to break up our Parochial isolation ; and especially have they enabled us to indoctrinate our people more thoroughly in certain important particulars.*

I suggest that we shall, now that we have experience to guide us, revise this system with a special view to promote uniformity of action in the several Convocations, and that we shall bring the whole subject within the provisions of canonical enactment. To the Presidents of Convocations should, I think, be conceded a distinct function, similar to that of the rural Deans in the Church of England ; and they should also be recognized as the officers to whom the Bishop may confide those matters of detail to which he cannot always give his personal attention.

DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

From the report of the Diocesan Board of Missions you will learn that the contributions of the Diocese in this direction have been very liberal. The Committee has inaugurated a most prom-

*As an illustration may be mentioned a service in a public hall at Port Deposit. The room was crowded with people, few of them of our communion, occupying not only the seats, but all the standing room.

"The Apostolic Commission" was expounded on this occasion. It had been carefully studied and arranged beforehand, and was divided out among five of the clergy. After a while the presiding officer suggested to the congregation that many of them must be fatigued, for they had been listening for two hours, and it would require another hour to complete the discussion. He assured the weary ones that it would be deemed no discourtesy should they retire. No one availed himself of the invitation. The attention did not flag until the programme was completed. It is obvious how profound an impression is likely to be made where a subject well-chosen, carefully studied and elucidated by several minds, can be thus exhaustively presented.

ising enterprise at Port Deposit, besides assisting feeble Parishes and giving aid to candidates for orders.

They have mapped out a larger work for this year, and I doubt not will continue to be generously sustained.

HOME OF THE FRIENDLESS.

From the report of the managers, which will be laid before you, it will appear that this necessary institution has been established, and is now in successful operation. Thus far, the members of the Diocese have cheerfully provided the sums necessary for its maintenance. The demands upon it are steadily increasing as it becomes known that there is such a house of mercy for the friendless. Its accommodations must soon be enlarged, and I trust it will continue to be the disposition of the Diocese to sustain so valuable a charity.

PAROCHIAL BOUNDARIES.

The experience of the past year shows the necessity, in order to avoid confusion and conflict of jurisdiction, of ascertaining definitely the boundaries of parishes.

I have had some correspondence with the Rev. Dr. Allen upon this subject, as also about the history of the parishes on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. His letter is herewith submitted, and I suggest may be referred to the Committee on Parish Boundaries, appointed at the last Convention.

EXAMINORS FOR HOLY ORDERS.

It is proposed, soon after the adjournment of the Convention, to hold an ordination; and the occasion is favorable for adopting some rule in this matter. It is evident that such a service ought not to be hastily arranged, and that examinations should be carefully conducted. I propose, therefore, to appoint from time to time, three clergymen, who shall constitute the regular Board for examination of candidates, and to convene this Board together with the candidates at my residence for several days. To promote this arrangement, I ask that the necessary travelling expenses of the examiners when thus engaged may be defrayed out of the Convention Fund.

CORNER-STONE LAID.

On the 1st of November last, assisted by a number of my brethren, I laid in St. Michael's Parish, Talbot county, the corner-stone of a church to be known as "All Saints Church."

The site for this church, together with ground for a cemetery and glebe, was given by a family of that Parish, according to a plan long cherished by the members of it still living and by those at rest.

The enterprise has enlisted my warmest sympathy, and I have been glad whenever it was in my power to aid by personal service.

The Parish of St. Michael's is so large as to exceed in its demands the physical powers of any one clergyman. After serving three several congregations, it seemed impossible to work other and populous neighborhoods. The Rector enlisted in his aid two lay-readers and a band of lay-workers. A Sunday School was established in a small school-house at Germantown, and then a lay service. The children became interested in the service, the catechism, the music. The sick were visited; the children charitably brought to holy baptism. Presently the parents became interested, and a class was presented for confirmation. When I have held service in the school-house the door and windows have been blocked up with attentive listeners, and at other times large congregations have assembled in the open air. Thus the congregation for All Saints is ready before the building is covered in. Nor only so; the missionary spirit has overflowed into what is known as the "Chapel District," six miles distant; a Sunday School is there established; a stand and benches set up in a grove promised as a church site, and there is good reason to believe that a chapel will soon be erected.

This is the most marked instance of progress to be recorded in the annals of the past year. It has been accomplished so simply, so quietly, that there has been no occasion to say Lo here! or Lo there! And there is no doubt that like results would follow in all our Parishes if our laymen and laywomen would address themselves to this aggressive work. It is hard to begin; but once begun, it becomes so dear that it would be a hardship to desist.

CHAPEL OPENED.

I have also opened for divine service, a neat and inexpensive chapel at Easton Point, in St. Peter's Parish, Talbot county.

This is the outgrowth of a Sunday School taught in a private dwelling for many years, and is designed for the benefit of the people around the steamboat-landing near Easton. At present the attendance is small ; there are local difficulties not easy to surmount. I feel very sure, however, that those who have this work in hand will reap in due time if they faint not.

The resignation of the Rev. Dr. Hutton, and the long-continued vacancy which ensued, have caused me to do much service in the Parish of St. Peter's. During Lent I delivered on two nights in each week a series of sermons in exposition of our Lord's last discourse, and I was gratified by a large attendance on these occasions. I had also the satisfaction of reviving the work of my parochial ministry by systematically instructing through Lent a very large class, of whom all the older members were confirmed.

The Rev. J. W. Poindexter, Deacon, rendered acceptable service in this congregation for months, and his departure for his own Diocese of Virginia was much regretted.

This Easton Parish is strong in numbers and in ability ; strong in the faithful, thorough, and spiritual teachings of its late Rector, and of the holy man of God, the Rev. Dr. Mason, who preceded him. It is strong in men, and in young men too. Of fifty-one men and boys confirmed in the last year, sixteen, almost a third, belonged to this Parish. May it put forth all its energies to the glory of God ; and bringing forth plenteously the fruit of good works, be by Him plenteously rewarded !

PARISH REVIVED.

An effort is now being made to revive the decayed Parish of St. Mary's Whitechapel. To this end a vestry has been elected, and a neat Chapel fitted up for divine service. With the missionary aid of the Diocese it is hoped to secure a Rector for this Parish.

CLERGY ROLL.

Five of the clergy have taken Letters Dimissory to other Dioceses : the Rev. Drs. McKenney and Hutton to the Diocese of Maryland ; the Rev. Mr. Goodwin to the Diocese of New York ; the Rev. Mr. Lance to the Diocese of Kentucky ; and the Rev. Mr. Ridgely, who held no cure, to the Diocese of Pennsylvania. Five clergymen have been received by Letters Dimissory into the Diocese.

The Rev. Paul Trapier, D.D., from South Carolina, has become Rector of Shrewsbury Parish.

The Rev. John Martin, from Maryland, is missionary at Port Deposit.

The Rev. E. J. Stearns, from Maryland, has been officiating in Trinity Church, Elkton, during the absence of the Rector, who had need to spend the winter and spring in Florida.

The Rev. Ogle Marbury, Deacon from Maryland, is minister of All Hallows Parish, and the Rev. W. B. Everett, M. D., Deacon, also from Maryland, is officiating under my license in Wye Parish.

Within the Diocese there has been but a single change. The Rev. Robert Wilson, M. D., has resigned the Rectorship of St. Paul's Parish, Kent county, and accepted that of St. Peter's Parish, Easton. He entered upon the duties of this charge on the 4th day of May, at which time I inducted him into the same according to the Office of Institution. Mr. Richard Hayward, a candidate for Holy Orders, has been transferred to the Diocese of Illinois.

Mr. Pierre Dugné Trapier has been received by transfer from the Diocese of South Carolina.

CONFIRMATIONS.

The Confirmations have been as follows:—

St. John's Parish, Caroline county.....	12
North Elk " Cecil "	2
North Sassafras Parish, Cecil county.....	1
Trinity Church, Elkton, " "	10
E. New Market Parish, Dorchester county	12
Great Choptank " " "	10
Vienna " " "	3
North Kent " Kent county	5
Christ Church " Queen Anne's county.....	9
St. Luke's " " " "	3
St. Paul's " " " "	14
Wye " " " "	3
Coventry " Somerset county.....	3
Somerset " " "	11
Pocomoke " " "	6
St. Michael's " Talbot county	32
St. Peter's " " "	24

Whitemarsh Parish, Talbot county.....	6
All Hallows " Worcester county.....	3
Worcester " " "	1
Port Deposit Mission.....	7
Total.....	179

OFFICIAL NOTICES.

During the year past I have assented to the consecration of the Rev. William Pinkney, D.D., Assistant Bishop of Maryland, and of the Rev. William W. Niles, D.D., Bishop of New Hampshire. I have also consented to the election of the Right Rev. R. H. Clarkson, D.D., as Bishop of the Diocese of Nebraska.

Notices of deposition from the sacred ministry have been received as follows :

Of the Rev. Rowland H. Bourne and Rev. John Cromlish, by the Bishop of New York.

Of the Rev. Edward B. Allen, by the Bishop of Massachusetts.

Of the Rev. Charles H. Rice, by the Bishop of Nebraska.

Of the Rev. Oscar B. Thayer and the Rev. Charles Edward Cheney, by the Bishop of Illinois.

Of the Rev. William D. Harlow, by the Bishop of Long Island.

Of the Rev. Thomas F. Roberts, Deacon, by the Missionary Bishop of Oregon.

Of the Rev. Faber Byllesby, by the Bishop of Pennsylvania.

Of the Rev. Frank R. Girard, Deacon, by the Bishop of Wisconsin.

FEDERATE COUNCIL.

The Diocese of Easton has given every evidence of her desire to cultivate relations of intimate affection with the mother Diocese of Maryland. Hence your ready assent to the plan of a Federate Council, proposed by the joint Committee of the two Dioceses.

The Convention of Maryland having failed to consider these propositions at all, it becomes us to rescind our action.

THE CHURCH AT LARGE.

It best befits the modesty of our circumstances that we should labor for the kingdom of God by concentrating our thoughts upon

the work specially committed to our charge. But I trust we are not disinterested nor prayerless observers of the events which so deeply affect the Catholic Church throughout the world.

We have sorrowed deeply as we have seen that the Church of Rome has, not content with the teaching of novelities and falsehoods as doctrines, interposed a new obstacle in the way of Christian unity by erecting those dogmas into articles of faith. Let us be warned how dangerous it is to swerve a hair's-breadth from the consentient teaching of the undivided Church. How sad the contrast when one places side by side with the "*quod semper, ubique et ab omnibus*" of early days, the late utterance of the gentlest and saintliest of perverts, "I am ready to believe all that the Church (*i. e.* the Roman Church) has taught, is teaching, and shall teach."

The Christian yearns to find all the good that can be recognized amid so much evil. We bless God for the intellect and courage with which not a few of Rome's own children have battled against the false teachings of their mother; and presently, when we think of the charitable women mangled by the Chinese mob, or of the Archbishop of Paris and his clergy massacred by the crowd of atheists, not only does human sympathy assert itself, but Christian pity blinds our eyes with tears, so that we see not the superstition that overlaid their faith, and Christian charity prompts the hope that it was the ancient faith which came in to the aid of these sufferers in the hour of peril, and that they saw in their extremity no vision less fair and true than that on which the eye of Stephen rested before he fell on sleep. While we lament over her recent departure from Catholic truth, we find some consolation in the thought that Rome has just furnished martyrs as heroic as those of the early days; martyrs not for Papal Infallibility or the honor of the Virgin, but men slain because they avowed themselves amid a blaspheming crowd servants "of the one called God."

The storm of enmity seems to be gathering around our mother Church of England. But surely she is ready for it. When was she ever more instinct with spiritual life, more abundant in works of mercy? Herein, rather than in ancient prestige, lies her strength. Her light is burning and her candlestick shall not be removed.

The Church of Ireland, after all the pains and losses of disendowment, is now confronted with a greater danger. There are

men rash enough to desire to thrust her hierarchy on one side, and in defiance of their wisdom, to lay rash hands upon the old-time teaching and the long-tried Liturgy. And yet how does this crisis bring into bold relief the calm dignity and mild courage of the fathers of the flock ! All honor to the Irish Bishops ! and especially to the Archbishops, and to him who, after teaching us more than any living man to recognize the hidden beauties of the Gospel, the delicate threads of wisdom and of love which interpenetrate the story of the man of Nazareth, approves himself to be skilful to guide as well as to teach.

Something of the same strife has disturbed the quiet of the Church at home. But its own narrowness and unloveliness and utter unreasonableness have made abortive the effort at revolution. We will unite in the prayer that God will watch over the Church of Ireland, and preserve to her unharmed the precious treasure, the Prayer-Book of the Church of England.

The meeting of the General Convention in the city of Baltimore will, I doubt not, afford many of you an opportunity to become better acquainted with officers and members of the Church from far and near. You are to be represented for the first time in this Council by your Presbyters and Lay-communicants. I am sure they will be such as will consent for nothing to be done prejudicial to the conservatism and peace of the Church. May the blessing of Almighty God rest upon the deliberations of that body, and upon our own humbler consultations in behalf of the Diocese of Easton. And may He teach us more and more the unloveliness of bitterness and self-chosen opinions, the beauty of charity, and the unchangeableness of Catholic truth.

The Rev. Mr. Barber moved that so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to the subject of Convocations be referred to a Committee of two Clergymen and two Laymen. Carried.

The President appointed the Rev. Messrs. Barber and Trapier, and Messrs. Hayward and Hardcastle.

The Rev. Mr. Wattson, having offered a resolution referring to the subject of the Federate Union with the Diocese of Maryland, accepted the following Preamble and Resolution, offered by the Rev. Mr. Barton as a substitute :—

WHEREAS, The Diocese of Maryland has failed to pass the resolutions recommended by a Joint Committee of the Conventions of the Dioceses of

Maryland and Easton, which resolutions were passed by the Convention of the Diocese of Easton at its last session, therefore

Resolved, That the said resolutions are hereby rescinded.

The preamble and resolution being seconded, were adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Stearns moved that so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to a General Diocesan Policy, be referred to a Committee of three Clergymen and three Laymen. Carried.

Petitions from Port Deposit, Cecil county, St. Paul's Parish, Queen Anne's, and St. Mary Anne and Augustine Parishes, Cecil county, were presented, and on motion referred to Committee on new Parishes.

The Rev. Mr. Wattson moved that the Convention proceed to the election of a member of the Ecclesiastical Court, *vice* the Rev. Mr. Lance, removed from the Diocese. Carried.

The Rev. Jas. A. Mitchell was then nominated ; and there being no other nomination, the ballot was on motion dispensed with, and the Rev. Mr. Mitchell elected.

The Rev. Mr. Wattson moved that the Committee on Canons be directed to inquire into the propriety of amending Canon 19th. Mr. Brown moved that this motion be laid on the table. Lost.

The Rev. Mr. Wattson's motion was then carried.

Mr. Hayward, from Committee on Elections, reported Mr. Tench Tilghman and Mr. Wm. H. Gale as entitled to seats.

There being no objection, the report was accepted.

The Secretary moved that a Committee on unfinished business be appointed by the Chair. Carried.

The President appointed the Rev. Messrs. Bryan and Marbury, and Mr. Hulme.

Mr. Tilghman moved that so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to the support of the Clergy, be referred to a Committee of Laymen. Carried.

The President appointed the entire Lay Delegation on said Committee, with Mr. Tilghman as Chairman.

The Rev. Mr. Billopp moved that the election of the Standing Committee and Deputies to the General Convention be made the order of the day to-morrow at 11 A. M. Carried.

Mr. Henry moved that the Convention do now adjourn. Carried.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING, *June* 8th, 1871.

The Convention assembled at 9 o'clock. Morning prayer was said by the Rev. Messrs. Dashiell and Wilson.

The Convention was called to order by the President. The roll called, and a quorum of both orders found to be present. The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The President announced the following Committee on "Diocesan Policy":—The Rev. Messrs. Dashiell, Barber, Crosdale, and Messrs. Gale, Hardcastle, and I. H. Wright.

The Report of the Missionary Committee of the Diocese was then presented by the President and read. (Appendix).

The Rev. Mr. Barber moved that the report be referred to a Committee of the Whole, and made the order of the day at 8 P. M. Carried.

Mr. Tilghman moved that the Convention take a recess at 12 M., to enable the Committee on Clergy Support to consider that important matter. Lost.

Mr. Henry, from Committee on ascertaining the Parish Bounds in this Diocese, appointed at last Convention, reported progress, and asked that the Committee be continued to report to the next Convention. Carried.

A communication from the Rev. Ethan Allen, D.D., of the Diocese of Maryland, was then read, and Mr. Henry offered the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the communication from the Rev. Dr. Allen, mentioned in the Bishop's Address, be referred to the Committee on Parish Boundaries, and that said Committee be authorized to negotiate with the Rev. Dr. Allen for the purchase of his manuscript history of the Parishes of this Diocese, and to draw on the Treasurer of the Convention Fund for the amount required to pay for the same.

The resolution being seconded, was adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Dashiell moved that the Treasurer of the Convention be directed to pay the expenses of the Board of Examiners of candidates for the ministry. Carried.

The President announced the following Board of Examiners: The Rev. P. Trapier, D.D., the Rev. Messrs. Stearns and Barber.

The Rev. Mr. Dashiell, from the Committee on the Re-assessment of Parishes, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the assessment of Parishes in the Diocese of Easton for this years be as follows:—

CECIL COUNTY.

Augustine Parish.....	\$ 5 00
North Elk "	10 00
North Sassafras Parish.....	30 00
Trinity Church, Elkton.....	20 00
St. James', Port Deposit.....	10 00

DORCHESTER COUNTY.

Dorchester Parish	5 00
East Market New Parish.....	5 20
Great Choptank Parish.....	25 00
Vienna Parish.....	5 00

KENT COUNTY.

Chester Parish.....	30 00
I. U. Parish.....	10 00
North Kent Parish.....	30 00
St. Paul's Parish.....	25 00
Shrewsbury Parish.....	30 00

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY.

Christ Church Parish (K. I.).....	30 00
St. Luke's Parish.....	5 00
St. Paul's Parish.....	30 00

QUEEN ANNE'S AND TALBOT COUNTIES.

Wye Parish.....	10 00
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SOMERSET COUNTY.

Coventry Parish.....	10 00
Somerset "	30 00

SOMERSET AND WORCESTER COUNTIES.

Pocomoke Parish.....	10 00
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TALBOT COUNTY.

St. Michael's Parish.....	30 00
St. Peter's Parish.....	30 00
Church of the Holy Trinity.....	10 00
Whitemarsh Parish.....	20 00

WICOMICO COUNTY.

St. Matthew's Parish.....	5 00
Spring Hill Parish.....	30 00
Stepney Parish.....	5 00

WORCESTER COUNTY.

All Hallows Parish.....	15 00
Worcester Parish.....	15 00

Total amount..... \$525 00

The Rev. Mr. Crosdale moved that the resolution be laid on the table. Lost.

The resolution was then adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Bryan, from Committee on Unfinished Business from last Convention, presented the following report :

1. The reference to Committee on Canons of "A Canon on Vestries." *Vide* page 39 of Journal, 1870.
2. Report from Committee appointed to ascertain the Parish Boundaries. Page 39.
3. Report from the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund relative to the purchase of an Episcopal residence.
4. Report from the Committee to consider the subject of Clergy Relief. Page 46.
5. Report from the Committee to ascertain the number of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary to which this Diocese is entitled. Page 46.
6. Report from Committee on Re-assessment of Parishes.

Mr. Adkins, from the Board of Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, read their annual report, together with the report of the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund.

The Rev. Mr. Crosdale moved the reference of these reports to the Committee on the Episcopal Fund. Carried.

11 A. M. The order of the day, being the election of the Standing Committee and the Deputies to the General Convention, was then taken up.

For the Standing Committee the following nominations were made: the Rev. Messrs. Wilson, Crosdale, Barber, Dashiell, Fulton, and Barton.

The President appointed the Rev. Messrs. Jas. A. Mitchell and Wilson to receive the Clerical vote,

And Messrs. Knight and Wirt to receive the votes of the Laity.

Mr. G. R. Goldsborough presented and read the First Annual Report of the Board of Managers of the Home of the Friendless, together with the report of the Treasurer.

The Secretary moved that the report be referred to a Committee of two Clergy and two Laymen, with power to nominate the Board of Managers and the Council of Advice. Carried.

The President appointed the Rev. Messrs. Smith and W. D. Mitchell, and Messrs. Henry and G. W. Goldsborough.

The Rev. Mr. Barber, from Committee on Canons, to whom had been referred "Canon on Vestries," presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the proposed Canon.

The resolution being seconded, was adopted.

The Tellers of the vote for members of the Standing Committee reported that the Rev. Messrs. Crosdale, Barber, Barton, Dashiell and Wilson had received a majority of the votes cast, and were elected.

By unanimous consent, the Rev. Mr. Dashiell was permitted to make the following report:

The Committee appointed to consider the subject of the number of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary to which this Diocese is entitled, respectfully report that they have examined the subject, and find the Diocese of Easton entitled to four Trustees. All of which is submitted,

E. F. DASHIELL,
TENCH TILGHMAN.

The following nominations were made for Deputies to the General Convention:

The Rev. Messrs. Barton, Barber, Wilson, Dashiell, Crosdale, Stearns and Trapier;

Messrs. W. S. Walker, Mackall, Adkins, Tilghman, G. R. Goldsborough and McMasters.

The Bishop called the Rev. Mr. Billopp to take the chair.

The Rev. Mr. Wattson, from Committee on New Parishes, made a partial report, concluding with the following Act :

WHEREAS, A petition has been presented from certain persons, citizens of Queen Anne's county, regular attendants at the Parish Church of St. Paul's Parish in said county, but residing within the territorial limits of St. Luke's Parish, also in said county, that the said limits be so changed as to include them within the territorial limits of St. Paul's Parish aforesaid ; therefore,

Be it enacted by the Diocesan Convention of the Diocese of Easton, That the dividing line between said Parishes be, and it is hereby established as follows :

Beginning at Booker's Wharf, in Chester River, thence to a public road to Seth's Mill ; thence to the line between Election Districts Nos. 2 and 3, to Colgan's X Roads, and thence, as at present, with the public road that leads to Dover, Kent county, Delaware.

Pending the discussion, the tellers of the vote for Deputies to the General Convention reported the following as duly elected :

The Rev. Messrs. Crosdale, Barber, Dashiell, Barton, and
Messrs. W. S. Walker, S. S. McMasters, Geo. R. Goldsborough,
and R. C. Mackall.

The Rev. Mr. Stearns moved that the Convention do now adjourn. Carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After religious services, conducted by the Bishop,

The Convention was called to order by the President.

The Secretary presented a communication from the Secretary of the General Convention, and moved its reference to the Committee on Canons. Carried.

On resuming the unfinished business of the morning session,

Mr. B. E. Smith moved that the Act be laid on the table.

The Rev. Mr. Stearns called for a vote by orders.

The motion was lost by non-concurrence of orders. Clergy, aye 2 ; nay 12. Lay vote, aye 9 ; nay 9.

Mr. G. W. Goldsborough moved that the whole matter be postponed to the next session of the Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Stearns called for a vote by orders, and the motion was lost by non-concurrence of orders. Clergy, aye 4 ; nay 9. Lay, aye 12 ; nay 7.

The Act was then passed by a vote of 22 to 11.

The Rev. Mr. Wattson, from the same Committee, offered the following report and accompanying Acts:—

The Committee on organization of New Parishes beg leave to report that they have duly considered the several petitions referred to them by the Convention, and respectfully recommend the passage of the following Preambles and Resolutions:—

1. WHEREAS, A petition has been presented to this Convention by certain citizens of Cecil county, residing within the bounds of St. Mary Anne's Parish, asking leave to organize an independent congregation, to be known as St. James' Church, Port Deposit, said petitioners asserting their ability and willingness to build a house of worship and employ a minister for themselves; therefore,

Resolved, That leave be granted said petitioners to organize said independent congregation.

2. WHEREAS, Doubts have arisen in regard to the dividing line between Pocomoke Parish, in Somerset and Worcester counties, and All Hallows Parish, in Worcester county, and

WHEREAS, A petition for the defining of the said dividing line according to specified metes and bounds has been presented to this Convention by the Rector and vestry of Pocomoke Parish, and said petition has been concurred in and assented to by the Rector and vestry of All Hallows Parish; therefore,

Be it enacted by the Diocesan Convention of the Diocese of Easton, That the following be and is hereby made the dividing line between the said Parishes, to wit: Beginning at Cottingham's Ferry, on the east side of Pocomoke river, and running by and with the county road from said point to Ellis and Matthew's Mills; thence down said mill-race or branch until it intersects the line dividing the States of Maryland and Virginia.

3. WHEREAS, A petition has been presented to this Convention by the Rector and vestry of Trinity Church, Elkton, an independent congregation within the bounds of St. Mary Anne's Parish, Cecil county, asking this Convention to erect and constitute a new Parish to be called Trinity Parish, to be taken from the Territory of the Parishes of St. Mary Anne and Augustine; therefore,

Be it enacted by the Diocesan Convention of the Diocese of Easton, That a new Parish be and it is hereby laid out within the limits aforesaid, under the name of Trinity Parish, with the following metes and bounds, to wit: Beginning on the Elk river, at the mouth of Piney Creek, thence with said creek to the point where it is crossed by the Elkton and Turkey Point Road; thence with said road to its crossing Mill Creek; thence following said Mill Creek to where it crosses the Little Northeast Creek at Mechanicsville; thence with the Little Northeast to Kirk's Mill, on the Elkton and Blue Ball Road; thence

with the said road north to the Pennsylvania line ; thence with said line to the Maryland and Delaware line ; thence with said line to its point of intersection with the bed of the Newcastle and Frenchtown Railroad ; thence with said Railroad bed to Frenchtown ; and thence with Elk river to the mouth of Piney Creek, the place of beginning.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. N. WATTSON,
L. S. RUSSELL,
GEO. R. GOLDSBOROUGH.

The several Preambles, Resolutions and Acts were then adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Barton nominated the following as Trustees of the General Theological Seminary :—The Rev. Messrs. Dashiell, Wattson, Stearns, and Jas. A. Mitchell. On motion,

The nominations were confirmed.

The Rev. Mr. Barber, from the Committee on Canons, offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That Canon XIX be amended by adding another section, to be numbered Section IV, as follows :—“ If the Vestry of any Parish or congregation fail to notify the Bishop that there is a vacancy therein, the Bishop may proceed after an interval of one month to take action as provided in the foregoing sections.”

The resolution being seconded, was adopted.

The Rev. P. Trapier, D.D., from the Committee on Canons, moved that the following be Art. XII of the Constitution, viz :—

OF DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

SECTION I. At every annual Convention four Presbyters and four Lay Communicants shall be chosen by joint ballot to represent this Diocese in General Convention, such representatives to serve until their successors are elected.

SECTION II. In case any of the said Deputies be unable or unwilling to attend, he shall forthwith inform the others, and they at a meeting, as soon as possible, shall by a majority of votes fill the vacancy.

The motion was lost.

The Rev. Paul Trapier, D.D., from the Committee on Canons, offered the following amendment to Canon XX :—

Resolved, That the following words be Section I of Canon XX, viz :—Every minister, having parochial charge in this Diocese, or, if the Parish be vacant, then the Wardens thereof, shall at or before the meeting of each annual Convention deliver or transmit in writing to the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop,

then to the President of the Convention, in addition to the items required by the Canons of the General or of this Convention, a statement of the number of families, of adults, communicant and non-communicant, and of children under 14 years of age, who compose the congregation, how often the Holy Communion has been administered in public and in private, and on what days and how often, and where divine service has been held, or where have been other meetings for worship or instruction.

Resolved, That Sections I and II be numbered II and III respectively.

The resolutions being seconded, were adopted.

Mr. Walker offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the Rev. Jas. L. Bryan, Secretary of this Convention, the sum of twenty-five dollars, to meet the expense of transcribing and distributing the Journal of the Convention.

The resolution was seconded and adopted.

Mr. Walker, from Committee on Episcopal Fund, directed by the last Convention to inquire into the expediency of purchasing a residence for the Bishop, requested that the time be extended to the meeting of the next annual Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Crosdale moved that the time be extended. Lost.

On the call for a division, the vote stood ayes 13, noes 17, so the motion was lost.

Mr. Walker then presented the following report of the majority of the Committee, together with a minority report :—

In conformity with a resolution offered by Mr. R. C. Mackall, and to be found on page 40 of the Journal of the Convention of 1870, requesting the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund to report upon the expediency, &c., of purchasing an Episcopal residence,

Resolved, By the Trustees in meeting held the 29th day of November, 1870, that the present residence of the Bishop is an eligible one for purchase, and that the price and terms upon which it has been offered are advantageous and should be accepted.

Resolved, That we understand the terms of sale to be an actual payment of seven thousand dollars in 5-20 bonds at their market value, with an additional amount to make up the sum of \$10,000, whenever the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund may feel able to pay it.

R. C. CARMICHAEL,
J. L. ADKINS,
GEO. R. GOLDSBOROUGH,
W. S. WALKER.

To the P. E. Convention of the Diocese of Easton :

In compliance with the resolution adopted at the last Convention, the undersigned, member of the Board of Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, has to sub-

mit the following report upon "the expediency of locating and purchasing an Episcopal residence"—

The first question to be considered is whether or no the present condition of our finances warrants the making of such an investment. In this consideration it will not do to assume as productive capital the sum of the subscriptions to the Episcopal Fund. It is impossible to determine now, even approximately, what will be the amount of money realized from this source, but past delinquencies and the stringency of the times admonish us that the losses will be considerable. We must take, as the only safe basis upon which to rely to meet the liabilities of the Diocese, our actual receipts, and by comparison with our expenditures ascertain precisely how we stand.

At the date of the last report of the Treasurer there had been re-

ceived of principal from the old Diocese in U. S. Bonds.....	\$ 7000 00
1st and 2nd instalments from subscriptions amounting to.....	7959 55
Making together the sum of.....	\$14,959 55
as the amount of Episcopal Fund then on hand, which has been safely invested in profitable stocks, and can be relied upon to yield an interest of nearly 7 per cent. per annum, and is therefore the most productive portion of our fund.	
The interest or income received from subscriptions for the year ending June 10, 1869, amounted to.....	\$1558 30
Expenditures for that year amounted to.....	685 00
Leaving a surplus of.....	\$873 30

As fortunately there was but one quarter's salary of the Bishop to pay during that year.

The amount of interest or income from all sources during the year ending May 24, 1870, amounted to.....	\$2721 94
Expenditures for the same period amounted to.....	2959 66
Making an excess of expenditures over income amounting to.....	\$237 72

which does not indicate a favorable condition of our finances a year ago.

It is hoped a better exhibit of our affairs can be made for the past year. The salary of the Bishop will probably absorb if it does not exceed the income of last year, unless it be considerably more than the average of the two preceding years. But the scarcity of money, and the fact that our people are becoming every year more reduced in their means, do not justify an expectation of increased receipts. We certainly then are in no condition to incur new liabilities on account of income. Our three years' experience as a Diocese demonstrates that we have no surplus means to invest in unproductive property; on the contrary, that we are barely able to support ourselves.

In our present situation, the purchase of a residence would be to encroach upon the principal of the Episcopal Fund. Assuming that we have the legal right to do this, what would be the practical result of so doing? If we take from the productive portion of this fund an amount sufficient to purchase an Episcopal residence, we thereby reduce our annual income by a sum equivalent to about 7 per cent. upon the purchase money, besides having to keep in repair the property purchased. We cannot do this while our income is no more than adequate to the support of the Episcopate, without involving the Diocese in serious pecuniary embarrassments. However desirable it may be to have an Episcopal residence, it is deemed best on every account to wait until we are

able to make the purchase without encroaching upon or in any wise jeopardizing the fund that has been contributed for the support of the Episcopate.

After careful consideration of the subject, the undersigned would therefore recommend that the purchase of an Episcopal residence be postponed for the present, and would suggest some such course as follows, viz :—To keep strictly within our means, diligently collecting from delinquent subscribers, and carefully investing any surplus that accrues, until a fund is accumulated by this means, and by contributions from those who are favorably disposed, that will be sufficient to make the purchase. This, it is believed, will accord with the best interests of the Diocese, and will be in conformity to the law applicable to the Episcopal Fund, which restricts the investment of any part of the principal to "safe and profitable stocks, mortgages, or other securities," *vide* laws of 1870, chap. 23, and of 1840, chap. 67.

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND L. F. HARDCASTLE

EASTON, *June 5, 1871.*

Mr. Hardcastle offered the report of Mr. Thos. Hughlett, the Treasurer of the Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Crosdale moved its reference to the Committee on Accounts. Carried.

The Rev. Mr. Barber moved that the Convention proceed to the election of Treasurer. Carried.

The same then nominated Mr. Thos. Hughlett; and the ballot being dispensed with, Mr. Hughlett was re-elected.

The same then nominated Messrs. Adkins, Carmichael, Dashiell, Goldsborough, Hardcastle, Walker, and Westcott, as Trustees of the Episcopal Fund. On motion the nominations were confirmed.

Mr. Henry moved that the Trustees of the Church property in Caroline county be continued. Carried.

Mr. Mackall moved that the Convention do now adjourn. Carried.

EVENING SESSION.

8. P. M.

Evening Prayer was said by the Rev. Messrs. Crosdale and Wattson.

The President called the Convention to order. The order of the day being the report of the Board of Missions, referred to

the Committee of the Whole, the President vacated the chair, calling the Rev. Mr. Crosdale to preside.

On the rising of the Committee, the Convention resumed its session, the President taking the chair.

The Rev. Mr. Crosdale, from the Committee of the Whole, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Convention gives its most hearty approval to the plan suggested by our Bishop of employing an agent for the distribution of religious books throughout our Diocese, and we earnestly hope the means may speedily be placed in his hands to accomplish this object.

The resolution being seconded, was adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Stearns, the Convention, after appropriate religious services conducted by the Bishop, adjourned.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING, *June 9th*, 1871.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Messrs. Wilson and Billopp.

The President called the Convention to order. The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The Rev. Mr. Dashiell, from the Committee on the Episcopal Fund, presented the following report :

The Committee on the Episcopal Fund respectfully report that they have examined the Treasurer's account, and find it correct. They cannot commend too highly the care and labor bestowed by the Treasurer in the discharge of his duties, nor can they add anything to his plain and forcible words as to the delinquencies of certain of the Parishes. They would recommend for the action of this Convention the following resolutions :

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Rector of every delinquent Parish to read to the congregation or congregations of such delinquent Parish, on the first Sunday in December, and also on the last Sunday in May, the Treasurer's account of their delinquency, and to urge the duty and obligation of keeping faith in all business covenants, and especially in those made with the Church of God.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund to have the foregoing resolution struck off in bold type and sent to the Rector, or if there be no Rector, to the Vestry and Church-Wardens of each delinquent Parish, at least one week before the first Sunday in December and the last Sunday in May. All of which is submitted.

E. F. DASHIELL,
D. M. HENRY,
C. H. B. MASSEY.

The resolutions being seconded, were adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Butler appeared, and took his seat in the Convention.

Mr. Massey, from Committee on Accounts, reported as follows :

The Committee on Accounts have examined the statement of the Treasurer of the Convention, and report his receipts to have been \$656.70, for 1870, of which he has paid \$190.00 for printing Journal, and \$101.49 incidental expenses, leaving a balance on hand of \$365.21, subject to the order of Convention.

C. H. B. MASSEY, *Chairman*.
JNO. BROWN.

There being no objection, the report was accepted.

The Rev. Mr. Barber, from Committee on Canons, reported as follows :

The Committee on Canons, to whom were referred the proposed amendments to the Constitution transmitted from the General Convention of the Church, beg leave to report that in their opinion these papers do not require any action on the part of this body, and the Committee beg to be discharged from their further consideration.

On motion, leave was granted.

The Rev. Mr. Barber, from Committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to Convocation, offered the following Canon, to be numbered Canon XXI :

CANON : OF CONVOCATION.

I. To the end that conference and co-operation between the Clergy and Parishes contiguous to each other may be promoted,

The Diocese is hereby divided into three Convocations, viz :

The Northern Convocation, to comprise Cecil and Kent counties.

The Middle Convocation, to comprise Queen Anne, Caroline, Talbot, and Dorchester counties.

The Southern Convocation, to comprise Wicomico, Somerset, and Worcester

II. Every clergyman canonically resident within the bounds of the Convocation shall be entitled to a seat at its sessions, together with two Lay Delegates from each Parish, to be appointed by the Vestry thereof, or failing such appointment, or upon the inability of any one appointed to attend, the Rector or minister in charge shall make the appointment.

III. The presiding officer of each Convocation shall be entitled the Dean thereof; and at the annual session held next before the Convention of the Diocese, the Dean shall be nominated to the Bishop for his approval; and the Bishop, if he concur, shall appoint and commission him for the ensuing year.

IV. It shall be the duty of the Dean, under the advice of the Bishop, to direct the religious services at each Convocation, to designate the essayists and preachers, to preside at the business meetings, and, in the absence of the Bishop, at the public services also; and he shall give at least one month's notice to all the members of the subjects assigned for discussion at each Convocation.

V. The Dean is hereby recognized as the channel through whom the Bishop, if he see fit, may communicate with the Clergy of each Convocation; and in cases of appeal to the Bishop, or of ecclesiastical inquiry with a view to discipline, the Dean may be designated to enquire into facts and report them to the Bishop.

VI. The Bishop shall preside, *ex-officio*, at all public services, and his guidance and participation shall be sought therein, and no measure shall be adopted in Convocation if the Bishop express his dissent.

VII. The objects of Convocation are declared to be frequent assemblage for united worship, the discussion and adoption of plans for our common work, and especially to assist the efforts of the Missionary Board within their respective bounds.

VIII. A Vice-President shall be elected at each annual meeting, to preside in the absence of the Dean; also a Secretary from the Lay members, who shall likewise be the Treasurer.

IX. The Convocations shall meet, unless otherwise ordered by their special action, thrice a year; and at the annual meeting, the places and times of meeting for the ensuing year shall be determined, that they may be announced in the Journal of Convention; provided that, if occasion require, the Convocation may, with consent of the Dean, subsequently change such time and place.

On motion, the Canon was adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Barber, from the Committee on Canons, offered the following Canon, to be numbered Canon XXII:

CANON: OF THE BOARD OF DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

I. To conduct the missionary operations of the Diocese and dispense the contributions in their behalf:

There is hereby constituted a Board of Missions, to consist of the Bishop (who shall be President *ex-officio*), the three Deans of Convocation, and two Laymen, chosen by the Annual Convention, of whom one shall be the Treasurer of the Board.

II. No Mission shall be established, nor shall any Missionary be appointed, but with the advice and consent of the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, of the Standing Committee.

III. The Board shall make an annual report to the Convention of the Diocese; and the Treasurer shall present an annual statement of receipts and expenditures in like manner.

On motion, the Canon was adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Barber moved that the Convention proceed to the election of two Lay members of the Board of Missions. Carried.

On motion, the ballot was dispensed with, and Mr. J. L. Adkins elected a member of the Board, and Treasurer; and Mr. Jos. E. M. Chamberlaine, M. D., elected a member of the Board.

Mr. Gale moved that the next Convention meet in St. Andrew's Church, Princess Anne. Carried.

The Rev. Mr. Butler, from the Committee to whom was referred, at last Convention, that portion of the Bishop's Address which relates to the relief of the widows and orphans of deceased Clergymen, &c., reported as follows:

The Committee appointed to consider that portion of the Bishop's Address which refers to the relief of the widows and orphans of deceased Clergymen, and of disabled and infirm Clergymen, offer the following report and resolutions:

Your Committee is thoroughly convinced that no subject touching the financial provisions of this Diocese is of more far-reaching importance than that now receiving our notice.

When a man is "separated unto the Gospel of God," he leaves his "fisher's nets" with the full understanding that he is entering the Holy Ministry of that Divine Master who Himself, though rich, yet for our sakes became poor to the extent of having no place to lay his head. But, like that Divine Master, he goes up to his cross and shoulders it. And, looking to Jesus, he bears it like a man — yea, oftentimes with somewhat of the spirit of the Son of Man.

That is to say, that every Clergyman of this Diocese of Easton, for example, has, for Christ's sake, deliberately accepted as one feature of that Cross the fact of poverty. He sacrifices "all worldly cares and studies." He casts behind him every opportunity for, not only wealth, but for *any store* for the future: and he takes the consequences, and while strength lasts he bears on.

But the strongest frame must bend under the weight of ever-accumulating years and infirmities; and the ringing voice, even though it still sets forth glad tidings of salvation, must clothe itself with tremulous tones, and then be silent.

And now comes the saddest hour of all that servant's life! While he could work, he could crush down his misgivings by that work. It is when St. John

Baptist's hands hang by his side in prison that the poisonous doubt injects itself—"Art thou He that should come, or look we for another?"

And so the failing servant of God now begins to feel, with nothing to divert the keen realization, the hard, sharp points of anguish that are forced in upon his soul as he sees even the Church standing aloof from his feebleness, and virtually hears that Church saying, "If you in your failing days are forgotten, who will care for your stricken widow and your children when they shall have no father on earth?"

The burden that too often presses most heavily upon the faithful clergyman's heart is the probability, which amounts in most cases to a certainty, that his last years will be spent in comparative if not in absolute want, and that his wife and children will be left literally helpless and homeless and friendless, unless the Church promptly stand up to her duty in this matter as God's representative.

WHEREAS, It is painfully obvious that one of the most grievous burdens that rest upon the Clergy is the too common fact that, by reason of inadequate maintenance during their years of health and activity, they are, when disabled or deceased, themselves or their families, left without means of support,

Resolved, therefore, That it is the duty of the Church in this Diocese to do what she can towards the removal of this crushing weight.

Resolved, That a fund be established to meet, as far as may be, the needs of infirm and disabled Clergymen canonically resident within this Diocese, and of the families of such deceased Clergymen as were at the time of their decease canonically resident within this Diocese; and that such fund be designated "The Clergy Relief Fund."

Resolved, That each Clergyman of this Diocese is hereby required to bring this whole matter annually before his congregation, by special sermon or otherwise, as he may judge most advisable; and shall appoint two or more Christian men or women, who shall obtain, as far as possible, from each and every member of the congregation a stipulated annual amount (of which a list shall be preserved), or by some other efficient mode; said sums to be offered by the Rector to God on His altar, in the presence of and in behalf of the congregation, and forwarded to the Treasurer by the Rector, who shall annually read to the congregation a report of the disbursements and condition of the fund.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Diocese be entrusted with said fund; and that the Missionary Board of the Diocese be, and is hereby entrusted with the disbursement of said fund; and that said Board is hereby authorized to draw upon the said Treasurer, as need may require and as the fund may suffice. Respectfully submitted.

JORN O. BARTON,
WILLIAM C. BUTLER.

On motion, the several resolutions were adopted.

Mr. Tilghman, from the Committee of the Lay Delegation of Convention, presented the following report:—

tee to whom was referred the subject of Pastoral Support, beg the following as their report:—

The unusual course adopted by the Bishop in appointing the entire body of Laymen as a Committee, evinced a sense of the importance of the subject which was calculated to enlist our most earnest attention. We have devoted to its consideration and discussion all the time which our other official duties would permit, and used our utmost efforts to attain a practical result.

We are painfully sensible of the insufficiency of the compensation which is promised to most of the clergy, and would urge upon our brother laymen in the various parishes the duty of increasing it. But however important may be the amount which we contract to pay, the time of its actual payment is infinitely more so. It is the *daily* bread for which our Lord Himself has taught us to pray which alone can sustain the life and strength of those on whom we must rely for our daily supply of spiritual food ; and the nearer we approach to the *daily* fulfilment of this obligation, the easier we shall find it to perform the duty. In all departments of business the policy and advantage of the cash system are becoming daily more apparent. "Owe no man anything but to love one another," is becoming a precept of universal recognition, and surely the Church should not be the last place to acknowledge its influence.

The Vestries of the several Parishes can best judge which of the various systems — of rented pews, or of free seats, or pew-rents and subscriptions — would best suit the convenience and disposition of their respective localities. Under any system the parishioners should be responsible to the Vestry, and the Vestry to the Rector ; and the dues of the Rector should always be paid in advance. But it is to the parishioners that the Vestry must look to enable them to meet their obligations to the Rector, and it is here that the importance of the cash principle applies ; for how much easier and better it is for the parishioners themselves to advance 25 or 50 cents on every Sunday, than \$6.50 or \$13.00 every six months ; and how many persons are there among both regular and transient members of a congregation who would make *small* weekly contributions if envelopes were deposited in the pews for that purpose, who now contribute nothing at all. There is no habit more readily acquired, or which furnishes more real satisfaction and benefit to him who acquires it, than the habit of giving ; and there is no more useful lesson to inculcate than the obligation which rests on every one to give to the honor of Him to whom we are indebted for every thing we have, even for the breath which sustains our existence.

If we would truly enjoy the repasts with which Providence has blessed our own board, we must have the satisfaction of reflecting that we have first set apart the small portion which belongs to the man of God. It is only in this way that we can ever have the comforting assurance that our own cruse and barrel will never fail.

The mode of weekly payments is not entirely an experiment ; it has been tried in several places, and with unvarying success. It is the only system which we believe will meet the difficulty under which the Church has so long labored, and we therefore recommend, for the adoption of the Convention, the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the Vestries of the several Parishes in the Diocese be advised to adopt the system of weekly collections in payment of the fund for pastoral support, a system which is commonly known as the envelope system ;

and urge upon all who attend their services, either regularly or transiently, to unite individually in contributing to this weekly fund.

By order of the Committee,

TENCH TILGHMAN, *Chairman.*

On motion, the resolutions were adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Stearns offered the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the word "Wednesday" in the Second Article of the Constitution be stricken out, and the word "Tuesday" be inserted in its place.

On motion, the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Hardcastle, from Committee on Parochial Contributions, presented their report. (See Appendix).

The Rev. Mr. Dashiell, from Committee on "Diocesan Policy," presented the following report:—

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as related to Diocesan Policy, respectfully beg leave to report that they have considered the important subject committed to them with as much care and deliberation as the limited time allotted them has allowed.

They are deeply impressed with the fact that if the Diocese of Easton is ever to assume the position to which it is entitled, no time is to be lost in defining and pursuing such course of Diocesan Policy as will tend, with the blessing of God, to promote within its bounds His "glory and the good of His Church."

Foremost in this policy we believe to be the importance of making every effort to secure at once such real estate as the future wants, not only of the Diocese, but of every Parish, are likely to need. In every portion of the Diocese sites for churches, schools, and rectories could now be procured with but little effort, on terms which a few years hence will be utterly impracticable; and hence we conceive the great importance of prompt and decided action, as far as may be practicable, on this important subject. The Diocese should have its Bishop's seat, which it should strive to make the heart of the Diocese, the centre around which should cluster those institutions of learning which are so essential to its prosperity, its training schools from whence the sons and daughters of the Church should go forth—the one endowed with those refined graces which elevate and adorn the Christian household, the other with those manly virtues which equally fit them for the sterner duties of this life as well as for the realities of the life to come.

The Committee therefore respectfully offer the following resolutions, and ask their adoption by this Convention:—

1. *Resolved,* That the interest of the Diocese demands that every effort should be made to secure such real estate as the needs of the Diocese and respectively require.

2. That the various institutions needed by the Diocese, a Diocesan Seminary, be first to be undertaken, and that this Convention

will give its sanction to any effort which the Bishop may find it expedient to make for the establishment of such school.

3. *Resolved*, That a Committee of twelve laymen, seven of whom shall be the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, shall be appointed, who shall have full power to select and purchase a suitable site for the Bishop's seat and residence, and that the Bishop of the Diocese shall be *ex-officio* Chairman of the Committee.

The resolutions being seconded, the first and second resolutions were adopted.

Mr. G. W. Goldsborough offered as a substitute for the third resolution, the following :—

Resolved, That the purchase of the property offered by Dr. J. L. Adkins be consummated by the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, on such terms as they may deem advantageous and proper.

On taking the vote, the substitute was lost. The third resolution, offered by the Committee, was then adopted.

The Rev. Messrs. Smith and Butler were appointed Tellers of the clerical vote, and Messrs. Wallis and Geo. R. Goldsborough Tellers of the lay vote, for the additional members of this Committee.

The Rev. Mr. Smith, from the Committee on the State of the Church, presented the following report :—

The Committee on the State of the Church beg leave to report that in attempting to make out a statement of the present condition of the Diocese, they experience the same difficulty of which they complained a year ago. More than one-fourth of the Parishes have failed to send up their Parochial Reports. Of course it is impossible for them, under the circumstances, to present anything like a correct statement of the condition of the Diocese as compared with that of the last year.

The Committee would most earnestly urge upon the Parishes the importance of careful attention to these reports. They sincerely trust that every Rector, and every minister officiating in any Parish, will see to it hereafter that the regular reports be accurately made out and sent in without failure, and that in the case of vacant Parishes, the Wardens or the Lay Delegates will give their diligence to ensure the performance of this duty.

But by a comparison of the reports which have come into their hands with those received from the same Parishes a year ago, the Committee feel that while they are unable to report any great progress, we still have reason to thank God and take courage.

The number of baptisms exceeds those reported last year by 42, and the list of Communicants has been increased by 139. The amount of contributions to the various objects of Christian benevolence is nearly twice as large as that reported at our last meeting, and those especially reported as contributed to Foreign

Missions have been more than doubled. The number of teachers reported in our Sunday Schools is 173, and the scholars 1190, thus exceeding the number reported from the same parishes a year ago by 16 teachers and 242 scholars.

There is still great diversity in the manner of reporting the contributions of the several Parishes; some reporting the moneys paid to the Episcopal Fund; some the weekly offerings, even though applied to parochial purposes, and some, it would seem, the amounts raised for the support of the Clergy. We see not how this difficulty can be remedied without a material change in the form of our Parochial Reports; and the Committee would therefore recommend that this whole matter be referred to the Bishop, and that he be requested to prepare a suitable form of Parochial Reports for distribution the ensuing year.

The Committee are pleased to report that one Church has been erected during the year at a cost of \$4500.00; that several others have been repaired and improved, and that arrangements have been made for the erection of one or two more.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. SMITH,
R. WILSON,
J. L. ADKINS,
R. C. MACKALL.

There being no objection, the report was accepted.

The Rev. Mr. Smith, from the Committee on the Home of the Friendless Children, reported as follows:

The Committee on the report of the Managers of the Home of the Friendless, beg leave to report that they have examined the papers entrusted to them, and have filled up the list of Managers and the Council of Advice, and recommend the printing of the report upon the pages of the Journal.

[Signed]

A. S. SMITH,
W. D. MITCHELL,
D. M. HENRY,
G. W. GOLDSBOROUGH.

The Board of Managers and the Council of Advice nominated by the Committee, were on motion confirmed.

The resolution to print the report was adopted.

Mr. Walker offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to have two thousand copies of the report of the Committee on Clerical Support, with the names of the Lay Delegates appended thereto, printed for distribution in the Diocese, through the Rectors or Vestries.

The resolution being seconded, was adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Barber offered the following:

Resolved, That this Convention express their grateful acknowledgments to

the Rector and Vestry of Trinity Church, Elkton, for the use of the church and for the admirable arrangements for the occasion.

Resolved, That this Convention heartily appreciate the warm welcome and noble hospitality extended to them by their brethren and the citizens of Elkton at their present session.

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay the sexton of Trinity Church ten dollars.

The resolutions being seconded, were adopted.

The tellers of the vote for additional members of the Committee on the Episcopal Residence, reported Messrs. Henry, Mackall, Gale, Knight, and Massey, as duly elected.

The Rev. Mr. Barber, from Committee on Canons, offered the following, to be numbered Canon XXIII :

CANON : OF REGISTRAR.

SEC. I. The Convention shall annually elect an officer, to be entitled "The Registrar of the Diocese," who shall continue in office until the appointment of a successor ; and in the event of a vacancy in said office, the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee, shall make the appointment until the meeting of the Convention.

II. It shall be the duty of the Registrar to collect and preserve all Journals, pamphlets, and other documents relating to the history of the Church in this Diocese or its Parishes.

III. The Registrar shall keep a record of consecrations, ordinations, and other official acts ; and he shall carefully arrange, file, and label the publications and manuscripts in his possession, and make report of his collections from time to time to the Convention of the Diocese.

On motion, the Canon was adopted.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Barton, the Convention proceeded to the election of Registrar.

The Rev. Mr. Barber was nominated ; and the ballot being dispensed with, was elected.

Mr. Henry offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are due, and are hereby tendered to the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company, for the facilities extended by them to the Delegates to this Convention, and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President of said Company.

The resolution being seconded, was adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Billopp moved that after reading the minutes and after appropriate religious services, the Convention adjourn *sine die*. Carried.

The minutes were read and approved.

The members of the Convention united in singing the *Gloria in Excelsis*, proper collects and prayers were used by the Bishop, and after the benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

HENRY C. LAY, *President*.

Attest :

JAS. L. BRYAN, *Secretary*.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

CAROLINE COUNTY.

St. John's Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 24 ; (of which were privately performed 14 ;) colored 5=29 : Confirmed, 12 ; Communicants, admitted 10 ; added by removal 4 ; lost by removal 1 ; by death 1 ; present number 38 ; Marriages 3 ; Burials 8.

Sunday School Teachers 5 ; Scholars 58.

Communion Alms and Offertory \$116.01 ; All other Contributions \$112.89 : Total receipts \$228.90.

Appropriated, within the Parish \$222.05 ; within the Diocese \$6.85 ; Total appropriations \$228.90.

The Sunday School at Greensborough, begun somewhat more than a year ago amid difficulties and discouragements peculiarly trying, has steadily increased in numbers and is most cheering in promise. The zeal, skill, and correctness with which it is conducted by the ladies having it in charge are truly admirable.

A Sunday School has recently been started in connection with the congregation at Hillsborough, numbering now about 20 pupils.

The Rector is giving the congregation at Denton, in St Mary Whitechapel Parish, an evening service on alternate Sundays. The interest manifested by the people in the church thus introduced into their midst is very encouraging. It is hoped they may soon secure a Rector for themselves. A godly, discreet, and common-sense man cannot but succeed in the work of the Lord in His Church among these people of appreciative intelligence.

Hillsborough.

G. F. BEAVEN, *Rector.*

St. Mary Whitechapel Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 6 ; Confirmed 1 ; Marriage 1.

All of which is included in the report of the Rector of St. John's Parish. Caroline county.

A house has been leased and appropriately fitted up for public worship at a cost of about \$250.00. The Vestry are desirous of securing the services of a clergyman as Rector, and are now moving towards its accomplishment. The Rector of St. John's Parish is giving them a service once in two weeks on Sunday evenings.

Denton.

JAMES B. STEELE, *Register.*

St. Augustine Parish.

Communicants 12; Burial 1; Contributions \$10.00, appropriated within the Diocese.

"O Lord, revive thy work" in our Parish, we ask for Christ's sake, Amen.

L. T. ROBERTS, *Warden.*

CECIL COUNTY.

St. Mary Anne Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 17; Adult 2=19; (of which were privately performed 2;) Confirmed 2; Communicants, admitted 2; added by removal 1; lost by removal 2; by death and otherwise 3; present number 57; Burials 4.

Sunday School Teachers 8; Scholars 55.

Communion Alms \$25.74; All other Contributions \$76.16; Total receipts \$101.90.

Appropriated, within the Diocese \$11.50; Foreign Missions \$3 75; Total appropriations \$15.25.

The appropriations do not include assessments for Diocesan purposes.

During the past year St. Mary's Church, Northeast, has been supplied with a new pipe organ, made by Roberts, of Frankford, Philadelphia city, and presented to the Parish by a member of the Vestry.

Northeast.

L. S. RUSSELL, *Rector.*

Port Deposit Mission.

Baptisms, Infant 6; Adult 2=8; (of which were privately performed 3;) Catechisings, openly in Church, constantly; Confirmed 7; Communicants, admitted 7; added by removal 4; lost by death 1; present number 26; Burials 2.

Sunday School Teachers 9; Scholars 60.

Communion Alms \$19.62; All other Contributions \$126.31; Total receipts \$145.93.

Appropriated, within the Parish \$103.03; within the Diocese \$36.28; outside of Diocese \$6.62; Total appropriations \$145.93.

I began the duties of missionary in Port Deposit in October last by organizing a congregation for public worship. The services of the Church are held in a rented hall, and are tolerably well attended. Application will be made to the present Convention for leave to organize an independent congregation in Port Deposit, by the name of St. James. A lot has been secured in a good situation on which to build a church edifice, and we hope to begin operations this summer.

The meeting of Convocation in this town was of great interest, and attracted much attention in the community. We labor under very serious disadvantages while we are without a church edifice. The other religious bodies here are numerous and wealthy, and have fine churches. We are in need of assistance

in building a church, and shall be glad to have aid from the friends of the Church in other places.

Regular services are held in Rowlandville, five miles distant.

Members of the congregation and others have presented us with two surplices, a suitable alms-plate, a valuable donation of books for the Sunday School library, and other useful gifts.

Port Deposit.

JNO. MARTIN, *Rector.*

St. Stephen's Church, North Sassafras Parish.

Baptisms 6; Confirmed 1; Marriages 7; Burials 6; Communicants; 36 children catechised during Lent.

Contributions, Episcopal Fund \$300.00; Convention Fund \$30.00; Missions, Domestic \$25.00; Foreign \$20.00; Nashotah College \$5.00; Communion Alms, part to Missions and part to other purposes, \$50.00; Total appropriations in and out of Diocese \$430.00.

The Rector of St. Stephen's could wish for stronger evidences of spiritual improvement in his Parish than are to be found in the above statistics.

Apparently there is but little change in its condition since the last report. What there is, however, is decidedly for the better. The Parish is among the oldest in Maryland, and rapid annual progress is not perhaps to be expected.

But we still hope for better things; and the time is not probably far distant when a new and beautiful church building will furnish better evidence than statistics of the zeal and devotion of the congregation.

May God speed its coming, Amen.

Cecilton.

THOS. F. BILLOPP, *Rector.*

Trinity Church.

Baptisms, Infant, 1869-70, 1; 1870-71, 36; Adult, 1869-70, 1; 1870-71, 4=42; (of which were privately performed 5;) colored 1; Catechisings occasionally; Confirmed, 1869-70, 1; 1870-71, 11=12; Communicants, admitted 12; added by removal 16; lost by removal 10; by death and otherwise 4; present number 78; Marriage 1; Burials 4.

Sunday School Teachers 11; Scholars 105.

Communion Alms \$76 05; All other Contributions \$1040.17; Total receipts \$1116.22.

Appropriated, within the Parish \$984.75; within the Diocese \$112.54; outside of Diocese \$9.33; Foreign Missions \$9.61; Total appropriations \$1116.23.

There having been no report made at the last Convention, this is made to cover the two years, except in the item of Contributions. I have, during my absence in the South, officiated several times, celebrated the Holy Communion once, and buried three persons. I would also take this occasion to express my appreciation of the valuable services of the clergy who have supplied my place during the last two winters—the Rev. Dr. Williamson the first winter, and Rev. E. J. Stearns the last winter. To them both the Parish and myself are both indebted.

Elkton.

W. D. MITCHELL, *Rector.*

DORCHESTER COUNTY.

Great Choptank Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 23 ; Adult 1=24 ; (of which were privately performed 12 ;) Catechisings, openly in Church, monthly ; Confirmed 10 ; Communicants, admitted 13 ; added by removal 5 ; lost by removal 11 ; by death and otherwise 2 ; present number 156 ; Marriages 5 ; Burials 7.

Sunday School Teachers 22 ; Scholars 117.

Communion Alms \$265.35 ; all other Contributions \$505.25 ; Total receipts \$770.60.

Appropriated, within the Parish \$311.77 ; within the Diocese \$406.18 ; outside of Diocese \$47.65 ; Foreign Missions \$5.00 ; Total appropriations \$770.60.

There are several hopeful indications in the present aspect of the Parish, among which the most prominent is the disposition of many Laymen to take a warm and active interest in the progress of the Church. Very many are willing and thankful to be co-workers.

The Rector and congregation recognize gratefully their obligations to the Assistant Minister for most valuable aid in the services through the entire year.

THEO. P. BARBER, *Rector,*

Cambridge.

JAS. L. BRYAN, M. D., *Assistant Minister.*

Vienna Parish.

Communicants, admitted 3 ; lost by removal 4 ; present number 11 ; Confirmed 3.

Sunday School Teachers 5 ; Scholars 15.

The Church is now finished — a very neat and comfortable edifice. But there is still lack of service books and font. The undersigned has only found opportunity for occasional services in the last twelvemonth. But the interest of the congregation and community has not abated.

Cambridge.

THEO. P. BARBER, *Rector.*

KENT COUNTY.

Chester Parish.

I resigned the Rectorship of Chester and I. U. Parishes on the first of January, 1871, and report as follows :

Baptisms, Infant 6 ; Adult 1=7 ; (2 Baptisms and 1 Burial by Rev. Mr. Everett).

Eucharistic offerings \$65.49, all expended within the Parish.

E. H. C. GOODWIN, *Post Chaplain,*

Fort Columbus.

Governor's Island, New York.

I. U. Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 5 ; Funeral 1 ; Marriage 1.

Eucharistic collections \$11.52, all expended in I. U. or Chester Parishes.

Number of Communicants (from last Journal) 50.

E. H. C. GOODWIN, *Post Chaplain,*

Fort Columbus.

Governor's Island, New York.

North Kent Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 20 ; colored 1 ; Catechisings, openly in Church, 4 times : Confirmed 5 ; Communicants, admitted 5 ; added by removal 1 ; lost by death 1 ; present number 38 ; Burials 7.

Sunday School Teachers 4 ; Scholars 31.

Total receipts \$1022.23.

Appropriated, within the Parish \$958.15 ; within the Diocese \$27.68 ; outside of Diocese \$37.00 ; Total appropriations \$1022.23.

Massey's.

WILLIAM C. BUTLER, *Rector.*

St. Paul's Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 7 ; (of which were privately performed 2 ;) Catechisings, openly in Church, occasionally ; Communicants, admitted 3 ; lost by removal 9 ; by death 1 ; present number 46 ; Burials 10.

Sunday School Teachers 4 ; Scholars 23.

Communion Alms \$75.00 ; all other Contributions \$707.74 ; Total receipts \$782.74.

Appropriated, within the Parish \$648 77 ; within the Diocese \$66.97 ; outside of Diocese \$62.97 ; Foreign Missions \$4.03 ; Total appropriations \$782.74.

This report is brought down to the first of May, 1871, on which day my pastoral relations to the Parish terminated.

Besides the money contributions specified, the Rectory has been furnished with shutters, and a number of other improvements added, making it now a very comfortable residence. The debt of the Parish has been materially decreased, and about one-half of the Glebe land sold for a sum sufficient to clear the Parish of debt, and bring the remainder of the property — some fifty acres — under cultivation.

Easton.

R. WILSON, *late Rector.*

Shrewsbury Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 6 ; (of which was privately performed 1 ;) Catechisings, openly in Church, 35 times ; Confirmed 2 ; Communicants, admitted 1 ; added by removal 11 ; lost by removal 1 ; present number 74 ; Marriages 2 ; Burial 1.

Sunday School Teachers 3 ; Scholars 70.

Communion Alms \$79.92 ; all other Contributions \$112.15 ; Total receipts \$192.07.

Appropriated, within the Parish \$29.26; within the Diocese \$77.12; outside of Diocese \$76.61; Foreign Missions \$15.67; Total appropriations \$198.66.

The account of the contributions and appropriations is of only those which have passed through my hands, and does not include the assessment on this Parish by the Convention, nor the amount raised for my salary, or for other expenses, which have been considerable, for repairs of Rectory, for erection of outbuildings, for fencing, &c.

When I took charge of this Parish, on the first of October last, there were in it, so far as I could ascertain, in deficiency of records, 106 adults and 77 children under 14 years of age. Others have come within reach of my ministry by services held, since the first of April, at Galena, in the "upper room" of the School House, kindly rented to us by the Commissioners of Common Schools. Measures are in progress for building a church at or near Galena or Georgetown; and some money has been raised, and more is pledged, for that purpose.

Service has been held at the Parish Church 43 times; at Galena 9 times, on 31 Sundays and 12 other days. The Holy Communion has been administered 15 times in the Parish Church, once at Galena, and once in private to a sick person. Meetings with the Communicants have been held in the Parish Church 6 times for special prayers and teachings.

There is much zeal among the women of this Parish, and the children are promising. It is sad that of the men only 12 are Communicants. May He who alone has their hearts in His hands draw them to Him!

Locust Grove.

PAUL TRAPIER, *Rector.*

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY.

Christ Church Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 5; Confirmed 9; Communicants, last reported 16; added 8; present number 24; Funerals 3.

Sunday School Teachers 4; Scholars 30.

Offerings \$85.00.

Kent Island.

J. N. WATTSON, *Rector.*

St. Luke's Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 22; (all of which were privately performed;) colored 1; Confirmed 3; Communicants, admitted 3; present number 20; Marriages 3; Burials 5.

Sunday School Teachers 3; Scholars 12.

Communion Alms \$5.50; all other Contributions about \$85.00; Total receipts \$90.50.

Appropriated, within the Parish about \$90.50.

The appropriation spoken of in the foregoing report was expended upon the church building, in painting and otherwise improving it.

We are making a feeble effort at missionary labor at the Beaver Dams, and hope that the great Head of the Church will so bless our work (or His work in

our hands) that we shall be enabled to give a good account from that quarter of His vineyard.

Church Hill.

THOMAS L. GREEN, *Rector.*

St. Paul's Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 13; (of which were privately performed 5;) colored 2; Confirmed 14; Communicants, admitted 13; added by removal 2; lost by removal 8; by death 3; present number 100; Marriages 3; Burials 9.

Sunday School Teachers 8; Scholars 38.

Communion Alms \$89 27; all other Contributions \$788.55; Total receipts \$877.82.

Appropriated, within the Parish \$194.37; within the Diocese (Diocesan Missions and Home of the Friendless) \$199 53; outside of Diocese \$403.80; Foreign Missions \$81.10; Total appropriations \$878 80.

Besides the services in the Parish Church at Centreville, I hold a service at four different places in the country, on Sunday afternoons, at distances varying from five to twelve miles from the church. These services are generally well attended by people who have hitherto known little or nothing about the Church, and, I think, are gradually breaking down the prejudices which so many had entertained against it.

The \$81.10 which are here reported as contributed to Foreign Missions, were the proceeds of thirty-nine mite-boxes, which have been distributed through the congregation, and which are mostly in the hands of the children.

Of the money reported as given to our Diocesan and General Domestic Missionary Societies, \$110.00 were contributed by the ladies of the congregation, and raised by the weekly payment of five cents each.

Centreville.

A. S. SMITH, *Rector*

QUEEN ANNE'S AND TALBOT COUNTIES.

Wye Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 9; Communicants, added by removal 3; lost by removal 2; present number about 43; Burials 3.

I took charge of this Parish in May of the present year. The baptisms and burials reported were by the Rev. Lucien C. Lance, during his pastorate.

W. B. EVERETT.

SOMERSET COUNTY.

Coventry Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 7; Confirmed 3; Communicants, present number 65; Marriages 3; Burials 2.

JOHN CROSDALE,

Newtown, Worcester co.

Missionary in charge.

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Somerset Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 15; (of which were privately performed 8;) colored 6; Confirmed 11; Communicants, admitted 14; added by removal 5; lost by removal 14; by death and otherwise 2; present number 182; Marriages 15; Burials 8.

Sunday School Teachers 7; Scholars 60.

Communion Alms \$265.22; All other Contributions \$1129.53; Total receipts \$1394.75.

Appropriated, within the Parish \$1005.65; within the Diocese \$343.10; outside of Diocese, for Nashotah \$46.00; Total appropriations \$1394.75.

Princess Anne.

JOHN O. BARTON, *Rector.*

SOMERSET AND WORCESTER COUNTIES.

Pocomoke Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 8; Adult 3=11; (of which were privately performed 2;) Catechisings, openly in Church, weekly; Confirmed 6; Communicants, admitted 8; added by removal 4; lost by removal 6; by death and otherwise 4; present number 76; Marriages 2; Burials 14.

Sunday School Teachers 3; Scholars 40; Parochial School Teacher 1; Scholars 25.

Communion Alms \$50.00; All other Contributions \$279.94; Total receipts \$329.94.

Appropriated, within the Parish \$195.27; within the Diocese \$84.22; outside of Diocese \$36.45; Foreign Missions \$14.00; Total appropriations \$329.94, not including one hundred and fifty-four dollars and forty-six cents paid on Episcopal Fund.

Newtown.

JOHN CROSDALE, *Rector.*

TALBOT COUNTY.

St. Michael's Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 19; (of which were privately performed 11;) colored 4; Catechisings, openly in Church, monthly; Confirmed 32; Communicants, admitted 28; added by removal 1; lost by removal 3; present number 118; Marriages 3; Burials, white 2; colored 1=3.

Sunday School Teachers 12; Scholars about 104.

Communion Alms \$73.00; All other Contributions \$378.00; Total receipts \$451.00.

Appropriated, within the Parish \$198.00; within the Diocese \$214.00; outside of Diocese \$19.50; Foreign Missions \$19.50; Total appropriations \$451.00.

The ladies of "The Church Working Society of St. John's Chapel, Miles

River," have put a new roof on the church, and built a very substantial shed for horses and carriages, the whole costing about five hundred and ten dollars. The interior of the church has been repaired and painted at a cost of about one hundred dollars, making in all spent on St. John's Chapel, six hundred and ten dollars. Our Mission service at "Pott's Mill" has formed itself, to a great degree, into a settled congregation. The people have subscribed about forty-five hundred dollars towards building a church. The corner-stone was laid by the Bishop on "All Saints Day," November 1st, 1870, and the church called "All Saints Church." We hope to have it ready for consecration on "All Saints Day," November 1st, 1871. The full amount of the offerings of this Parish during the year, including the offerings to the Episcopal Fund, will sum up:—Parochial Contributions \$4.51; St. John's Chapel \$6.10; All Saints Church \$45.00; Episcopal Fund \$8.00=\$63.61.

May God's richest blessing rest upon those who have not only offered their means, but at great self-sacrifice have given their personal labor to these good works.

St. Michael's.

ERASTUS F. DASHIELL, *Rector.*

St. Peter's Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 17; Adult 5=22; (of which were privately performed 1;) Catechisings, openly in Church, monthly; Confirmed 24; Communicants, admitted 23; added by removal (unknown;) lost by removal 12; by death and otherwise 5; present number 136; Marriages 2; Burials 12.

Sunday Schools 2; Teachers 21; Scholars 102.

Communion Alms \$207.29; All other Contributions \$228.28; Total receipts \$435.57.

Appropriated, within the Parish \$322.71; within the Diocese \$7.50; outside of Diocese \$48.49; Foreign Missions \$56.87; Total appropriations \$435.57.

Having assumed the Rectorship of the Parish on May 4th, 1871, I have made out the statistical report from memoranda furnished to me. Two baptisms and two burials comprise my own official acts. 17 baptisms, 1 marriage, and 8 burials, by Rev. Dr. Hutton, Rector, until November 1st, 1870. 1 baptism, by Rev. Mr. Poindexter, of Virginia; 1 marriage, by Rev. W. H. Mitchell, of Maryland. All other acts by the Bishop.

The report of Contributions is only approximate. It does not include Communion Alms prior to November, 1870, nor is there any record of Contributions to Diocesan Missions; \$200.00 have been pledged to this object for the current year. Contributions to Rector's salary and Episcopal Fund are not included, and considerable sums have been expended on Parish work through side channels, of which no record has been preserved. The Parish is in a healthy condition, and much aggressive work has been mapped out, but not yet progressed sufficiently to be reported.

Easton.

ROBERT WILSON, *Rector.*

Whitemarsh Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 26; Adult 3=29; (of which were privately performed 15;) colored 5; Catechisings, openly in Church, monthly; Confirmed 6; Commu-

nicants, admitted 9; added by removal 3; lost by removal 8; by death and otherwise 3; present number 76; Marriages 2; Burials 13.

Sunday School Teachers 12; Scholars 75.

Communion Alms \$111.43; All other Contributions \$470.35; Total receipts \$581.78.

Appropriated, within the Parish \$372.25; within the Diocese \$190.25; outside of Diocese \$19.28; Total appropriations \$581.78.

The report of offerings does not include the Episcopal Fund. Since the meeting of last Convention, St. Paul's Chapel has been improved by a stained glass window placed in the chancel, at a cost of \$200.00. The Mission services at St. Peter's (the old Parish Church) are gradually proving a success. There are three Sunday Schools within our borders, which are contributing slowly but surely to the growth of the Parish.

Trappe.

JAMES A. MITCHELL, *Rector.*

WICOMICO COUNTY.

Spring Hill Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 18; (of which were privately performed 7;) Catechisings, openly in Church, monthly; Confirmed (no Episcopal visitation during the year;) Communicants, added by removal 10; lost by removal 2; by death and otherwise 13; present number, white 205; colored 1=206; Marriages 5; Burials 27.

Sunday School Teachers 18; Scholars 105.

Communion Alms \$134.08; All other Contributions \$665.46; Total receipts \$799.54.

Appropriated, within the Parish \$507.83; within the Diocese \$264.10; outside of Diocese \$16.11; Domestic Missions \$1.50; Foreign Missions \$10.00=\$11.50; Total appropriations \$799.54.

Salisbury.

WILLIAM FULTON, *Rector.*

WORCESTER COUNTY.

All Hallows Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 2; (privately performed;) colored 1; Confirmed 3; Communicants, admitted 3; lost by death and otherwise 2; present number, white 40; colored 1=41; Burials 5.

Sunday School Teachers 9; Scholars 46.

Total receipts \$76.10.

Appropriated, within the Parish \$51.09; within the Diocese \$6.85; Foreign Missions \$18.16; Total appropriations \$76.10.

Regular services are held at Sandy Hill and Lindseyville, and at both places the congregations are quite good.

The ladies of the Sewing Society have furnished All Hallows Church with two chandeliers and with side lamps, and they are now contemplating other improvements. Our Sunday School library has been replenished with some excellent books through subscriptions to *The Christian Year*, a magazine which I trust will be of much service to the interests of the Parish.

Snow Hill.

OGLE MARBURY, *Rector.*

Worcester Parish.

Baptisms, Infant 5; (of which were privately performed 4); Catechisings, openly in Church, 6 times; Confirmed 1; Communicants, admitted 2; lost by removal 2; by death and otherwise 3; present number 62; Burials 51.

Sunday School Teachers 8; Scholars 63.

Communion Alms \$26.10; all other Contributions \$220.01; Total receipts \$246.11.

Appropriated, within the Parish \$93.36; within the Diocese \$102.50; outside of Diocese \$25.25; Foreign Missions \$25.00; Total appropriations \$246.11.

Since the last Convention the Parish Church in the village of Berlin has been repaired at a cost of about \$700.00. The improvement is very great.

St. Martin's Church, five miles from Berlin, is still in a dilapidated condition. Sunday services were held there regularly last summer, once a day. The attendance was very good.

A very pleasant meeting of the Southern Convocation of the Diocese was held in Berlin last February. The proceedings excited great interest in this community. The Bishop was present, and on the Sunday evening following, after his return from Snow Hill, preached, and confirmed one person.

Berlin.

J. T. HUTCHESON, *Rector.*

CLERICAL REPORTS.

The Rev. G. W. E. Fisse, Priest, has the honor to report to the Right Rev Dr. Lay, Bishop of Easton, that since June last his actual residence has been in Talbot County, and that he has visited various places, preaching and exercising his functions, in the Dioceses of Easton, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New York, Albany and New Jersey.

Octave of Ascension, 1871.

G. W. E. FISSE, *Priest.*

The doings of the undersigned since he became canonically connected with the Diocese of Easton, are embraced in the Report of Trinity Church, Elkton, of which he had charge during the six months' absence of the Rector. They include the baptism of three adults, and the presenting of six candidates for Confirmation.

E. J. STEARNS.

CONVENTION REPORTS.

AMOUNTS RECEIVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON PAROCHIAL CONTRIBUTIONS, JUNE 8TH, 1871.

St. Augustine Parish.....	\$ 10 00
North Elk Parish.....	15 00
North Sassafra's Parish.....	30 00
Trinity Church, Elkton.....	20 00
Dorchester Parish.....	5 00
East New Market Parish.....	5 00
Great Choptank Parish.....	30 00
Vienna Parish.....	5 00
Chester Parish.....	30 00
I. U. Parish.....	10 00
North Kent Parish.....	30 00
St. Paul's Parish.....	25 00
Shrewsbury Parish.....	30 00
Christ Church Parish.....	19 00
St. Luke's Parish.....	5 00
St. Paul's Parish.....	30 00
Coventry Parish.....	10 00
Somerset Parish.....	30 00
Pocomoke Parish.....	10 00
St. Michael's Parish.....	30 00
St. Peter's Parish.....	30 00
Church of Holy Trinity.....	10 00
White Marsh Parish.....	39 00
Worcester Parish.....	20 00
All Hallows Parish.....	12 00
Mission of Port Deposit.....	10 00

\$ 500 00

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. HARDCASTLE, *Chairman.*

Reported to Secretary by Treasurer of the Convention, after the closing of the same,

Spring Hill Parish..... \$ 30 00

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE EPISCOPAL FUND.

To the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Easton :

The Trustees respectfully submit the report of the Treasurer, requesting the attention of the Convention particularly to the failure of a few of the unquestionably able Parishes (along with some less able) to pay their dues ; and suggesting that some action be taken, without delay, by the appointment of a committee or a special agent, to insure immediate or early payment by delinquent subscribers.

Fault is not found so much with the smaller and feebler Parishes, which seem inclined to do their best under adverse circumstances, as with well-to-do subscribers in certain Parishes and counties who heed not the annual calls upon them, not seeming to realize the necessity of individual help, forgetting apparently the terms of the bond — regardless in fact of personal obligation and responsibility.

The Treasurer's experience, year after year, is that certain earnest collectors, clerical and lay, strive to the uttermost to complete their collections in good season, usually succeeding in making full returns, and presenting their Parishes to the Convention neatly paid up.

They take pride in doing so, honestly coming up to the support of the Episcopate, and sparing the Treasurer (no small matter) a vast amount of unnecessary work in carrying forward, in interest calculations, and in dunning correspondence.

The usual tabular statement of the condition of the subscriptions — showing the payments on principal and interest — prepared with care by the Treasurer, accompanies and makes up an interesting part of the report in, condensed form.

EDMUND. L. F. HARDCASTLE,
W. S. WALKER,
GEO. R. GOLDSBOROUGH,
J. L. ADKINS.

To the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Easton :

GENTLEMEN :—The Treasurer presents the accompanying statement of the condition of the Parish subscriptions, setting forth as compactly as possible the payments on subscriptions, collections of interest and dividends on bonds and stocks, and the investments since last report.

It will be seen by reference to tabular statement that some of the Parishes have tolerably well sustained their credit. Others have not done quite so well, the collectors laying the blame on the hard times.

A small number, fortunately small, have not had much credit to lose — they neither pay nor promise. Is it the Parish or the collector at fault here ? Perhaps the Convention will see to it that measures are taken to get at these slow people before they forget that they have subscribed at all.

Why should one Parish do its full part — pay nearly or quite every dollar of

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its dues — and another, perhaps much stronger pay next to nothing? Some Parishes, rather feeble, without pastors even, have paid more than certain others rated high in the Diocese. They only need waking up, it is hoped.

The amount of the subscription is — see table..... \$44,485 00
 “ “ received from the Diocese of Maryland 7630 00
 \$52,115 00

PAYMENTS ON SUBSCRIPTIONS:

On the third instalment and arrearages..... \$3632 05
 First and second years' payments, before reported..... 7959 55
 \$11,591 60
 Payment of Call Loans..... 2670 00
 \$14 261 6c

EXPENSES:

Paid to Subscription Agent..... \$444 56
 “ for stamps, stationery, &c 15 00
 \$459 66

INVESTMENTS.

\$2000 00 Maryland Defence Loan \$2000 00
 Balt. & Ohio and Northern Central R. R. Stocks..... 1707 00
 Loaned on Call 2670 00
 Bank Stocks..... 935 00
 1000 Pittsburg & Connelsville R. R. Bonds } 7 $\frac{3}{8}$
 1000 Marietta & Cincinnati Railroad Bonds } 7 per ct.. 1855 00
 2000 Loaned on Call, at 8 per cent..... 2000 00
 1000 Northern Pacific Railroad Bonds }
 1000 Indianapolis Water W'ks Bonds } 8 per cent. 1986 30
 \$13,612 96
 Leaving for investment..... 333 54
 \$13,946 50
 Interest paid since last report \$1728 82
 “ received on investments 1000 26
 “ previously reported..... 4280 24
 \$7009 32

OUT OF THESE COLLECTIONS OF INTEREST:

Paid salary of the Bishop..... \$5875 00
 Leaving to pay the “ 1134 32
 \$7009 32

J. L. ADKINS, *Treasurer.*

TABULAR STATEMENT of the condition of the subscriptions to the
EPISCOPAL FUND of the DIOCESE OF EASTON, showing the
amounts due and paid by each and every Parish.

COUNTIES AND PARISHES.	Subscriptions by Counties.	Subscriptions by Parishes.	DUE.		PAID.		
			2d Installment 1-10 of Principal.	Interest 12 Months.	Principal.	Interest.	
Cecil County.							
Trinity Church, Elkton.....	\$7,125 00	\$1,600 00	\$165 00	\$ 91 50	\$ 85 00	\$ 41 70	
St. Augustine Parish.....		270 00	29 50	16 28	24 50	13 38	
North Sassafras ".....		8,100 00	810 00	167 40	162 00	87 75	
St. Mary Anne's ".....		2,155 00	215 50	115 57	170 50	92 07	
Kent County.							
Chester Parish.....	7,550 00	2,475 00	167 50	79 70	157 50	67 50	
North Kent Parish.....		1,540 00	207 00	113 40	45 00	21 60	
St. Paul's ".....		660 00	105 50	56 08	30 50	15 83	
I. U. ".....		1,140 00	174 00	95 57			
Shrewsbury ".....		1,985 00	238 00	113 06			
Queen Anne's County.							
Christ Church Parish, K. I.....	8,675 00	450 00	45 00	21 60	40 00	19 20	
St. Paul's Parish.....		2,500 00	500 00	267 00	35 00	16 80	
St. Luke's ".....		125 00	110 00	60 54	12 00	5 88	
Talbot and Queen Anne's Co's.							
Wye Parish.....	1,900 00	1,900 00	215 00	156 50	370 00	93 20	
Talbot County.							
St. Peter's Parish.....	11,683 00	5,010 00	589 50	298 96	548 00	433 67	
St. Michael's Parish.....		4,900 00	465 00	225 60	385 00	185 30	
Whitemarsh ".....		1,650 00	170 00	87 15	97 50	46 50	
Church of the Holy Trinity, Oxford		125 00	15 00	7 50	10 00	4 50	
Dorchester County.							
Great Choptank Parish.....	3,155 00	2,045 00	226 00	117 84	175 30	61 51	
Dorchester ".....		610 00	88 00	47 10	37 50	15 00	
East New Market ".....		500 00	50 00	24 00	53 00	24 00	
Caroline County.							
St. John's Parish.....	200 00	200 00	20 00	9 50	26 00	9 60	
Worcester County.							
Worcester Parish.....	2,690 00	1,710 00	190 00	100 32	121 00	53 14	
All Hallows ".....		950 00	81 00	41 25	93 00		
Somerset and Worcester Co's							
Pocomoke Parish.....	1,020 00	1,020 00	102 00	48 96	105 50	48 96	
Somerset County.							
Somerset Parish.....	3,175 00	2,925 00	423 00	236 52	112 50	54	
Coventry ".....		250 00	25 00	12 00	25 00	12 0	
Wicomico County.							
Spring Hill Parish.....	2,340 00	2,340 00	285 00	149 82			
	\$44,485 00	\$44,485 00	\$3,220 50	\$2,765 77	\$2,894 80	\$1,458 20	

Dr Convention of the P. E. Church in the "Diocese of Easton," in act. with THOMAS HUGHLETT, Treasurer. Cr.

1870.		1870.	
May 21.	To Cash paid Rev. Jno. Crosdale, expenses attending meeting of Standing Committee.....	By balance on hand.....	\$126 70
" 26.	" " Rev. K. F. Dashiell, expenses attending meeting of Standing Committee.....	By Cash of H. T. Parish, Church Election for Parochial Contribution to Convention Fund, per Rev. J. T. Hutcheson, amt. assessment for 1868.....	10 00
June 1.	" " Dennis Kenard, Sexton Christ Church, Cambridge, meeting of Standing Committee.....	" of Shrewsbury Parish, Parochial Contribution to Convention Fund.....	10 00
July 14.	" " Geo. Lyceett, for 2000 Confirmation Certificates....	" of Dr. E. M. Hardcastle, Chairman of Committee on Parochial Contribution.....	500 00
Aug. 13.	" " H. W. Moore, for distributing Convention Journal....	" of Rev. J. A. McKenney, Parochial Contribution to Convention Fund.....	5 00
" 23.	" " Rev. J. A. Bryan, on account Printing Convention Journal.....	" of James Brown, amount of assessment against Church Hill Parish, Parochial Contribution to Convention Fund.....	5 00
Oct. 25.	" " Thos. K. Robson, Printing 40 Circulars.....		
Dec. 31.	" " Rev. J. A. McKenney, expenses attending meeting of Standing Committee.....		
1871.			
Jan'y. 18.	" " Innes & Co., account bill for 75 Letter Circulars....		
May 8.	" " Rev. J. F. Barber, expenses attending meeting of Standing Committee.....		
" 8.	" " Rev. K. F. Dashiell, expenses attending meeting of Standing Committee.....		
June 3.	Palaces Cash in hand this day.....		
			\$656 70

All of which I respectfully submit,

THOMAS HUGHLETT, Treasurer.

DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

The Board of Diocesan Missions respectfully submits herewith its Annual Report.

We have been mindful of the responsible trust committed to us as put in charge of the missionary operations of the Diocese, and have given to this duty our most earnest attention.

Soon after our last report was rendered, one of the Board, Philemon T. Kennard, was removed by death. There was in the Diocese no layman who excelled him in devotion to the Church, and in readiness to give to it his personal service. He was removed in the prime of life, when he seemed most vigorous in intellect and in physical strength. We deplore his loss from our Board, and from the Parish and the Diocese of which he was a useful member.

Mr. Kennard died unexpectedly; but in his health he was mindful to take order concerning his estate. His account as Treasurer of this Board was distinctly kept. His trust funds in Bank were kept separate from his private account; and on examination the cash balance in bank to our credit agreed with that shown upon his books. One can but observe how much it is to be desired that the like accuracy may be observed in the management of all parochial and diocesan funds.

Dr. J. L. Adkins has succeeded to Mr. Kennard as Treasurer, and has lent us efficient aid.

During the last year we have received contributions to the amount of \$1155.35. We have expended in the same time the sum of \$1352.00.

We are happy to report that the Mission established at Port Deposit under the Rev. John Martin has prospered beyond our expectation. A good congregation has been gathered, and a site for a church has been secured. The persons interested are disposed to put forth their own efforts, and we hope that they will gradually become more independent, and enable us to reduce the appropriation hitherto found necessary.

The Diocese of Maryland has ceased to pay the Missionary appropriation to St. John's, Hillsboro', and we have assumed payment of the stipend to our faithful missionary in that parish.

We have also secured the services of the Rev. John Crosdale as Missionary in Coventry Parish. Besides his own parish work, he gives to Coventry a service every Sunday. Our only regret is that our brother should be laded with a burden so heavy. No one so well as he understands the work in all that region, and we trust that his efforts will be blessed to the awakening of a new life in this old parish.

The Committee has furthermore committed itself to appropriations for Coventry Parish, Dorchester Parish, for Vienna and East New Market, proposed to be united; for St. Mary's Whitechapel, proposed to be revived at Denton; for Port Deposit; for St. John's, Caroline, and for I. U. Parish, amounting to the gross sum of \$2100; and from negotiations in progress, the whole of this amount will be demanded.

It is clear to us that one essential part of our missionary work is to secure young men for the Ministry. We have not hesitated, out of the funds entrusted to us, to assist two young men now seeking the ministry, to prosecute their studies; and we propose to continue the same the ensuing year.

While the subject is not within our immediate province, we suggest that the Diocese may accede to a wish of the Bishop, so often and so urgently expressed, to establish a book agency, under his direction. He confidently relies upon the ability of such an agency, once established, to support itself. An opportunity now offers to secure the services of a young gentleman well adapted to the undertaking, and whom we can send with confidence to the families of our communion.

The report of the Treasurer is herewith submitted.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER PRO. TEM. OF THE DIOCESAN
MISSIONARY FUND.

DR.—*The Board of Missions of the Diocese of Easton, in account
with J. L. Adkins, Treasurer pro. tem.*—CR.

1870.						
Oct.	26,	To cash paid per order of Rt. Rev. H. C. Lay, Pres't,				
		October 20.....			\$200	00
Nov.	3,	" " " " " "			100	00
Dec.	8,	" " " " " "			37	50
	16,	To cash paid per order of Rt. Rev. H. C. Lay, Pres't,				
		October 14.....			12	00
1871.						
Jan'y	11,	To cash paid per order of Rt. Rev. H. C. Lay, Pres't,				
		December 8.....			100	00
	13,	To cash paid per order of Rt. Rev. H. C. Lay, Pres't,				
		December 20.....			50	00
Feb.	17,	To cash paid per order of Rt. Rev. H. C. Lay, Pres't,				
		December 30.....			100	00
Mar.	13,	To cash paid per order of Rt. Rev. H. C. Lay, Pres't,				
		December 30.....			100	00
	31,	To cash paid per order of Rt. Rev. H. C. Lay, Pres't,				
		March 18.....			100	00
April	10,	To cash paid per order of Rt. Rev. H. C. Lay, Pres't,				
		April 1.....			50	00
May	9,	To cash paid per order of Rt. Rev. H. C. Lay, Pres't,				
		April 1.....			100	00
					949	50
Balance on hand,					968	68
					\$1,918 18	
1870.		By balance in hands of late Treasurer, as per accom-				
		panying statement.....			991	23
Oct.	1,	By amount received from St. Paul's Parish,				
		Q. A. County.....			\$ 33	00
1871.						
Jan.	13,	" " " " " "			100	00
April	21,	" " " " " "			24	26
					157 26	

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1871.						
April 25,	By amount received from St. Luke's P., Q. A. Co.....	\$	10	25		
May 23,	" " " Wye Parish, Q. A. Co.....		15	75		
1870.						
Oct. 9,	By amount rec'd from Trinity Church, Elkton, Cecil county.....		24	13		
1871.						
May 13,	" " " " " "		15	21		
					39	34
1870.						
Oct. 18,	By am't rec'd from P. Deposit Mission, Cecil county, 7 00					
1871.						
Feb. 17,	" " " " " "		15	00		
					22	00
1871.						
Jan. 6,	By am't rec'd from Chester Parish, Kent county.....				65	00
April 20,	" " St. Paul's " " "			8	35	
1870.						
Nov. 9,	" " " " " "		14	96		
					23	31
1871.						
May 17,	By amount rec'd from Shrewsbury Parish, Kent county.		37	12		
April 4,	" " " St. John's Parish, Caroline Co..		6	85		
1870.						
Oct. 18,	By am't rec'd from St. Michael's P., Talbot county, 50 00					
Dec. 16,	By am't rec'd from St. Michael's Parish, Talbot county, education.....		20	00		
1871.						
April 17,	By am't rec'd from St. Michael's P., Talbot county, 66 75					
1870.						
Dec. 8,	By am't rec'd from St. Michael's, All Saints.....		2	49		
					139	14
Oct.	By am't rec'd from St. Peter's Parish, Talbot county.....		49	28		
Dec. 8,	By am't rec'd from Whitmarsh P., Talbot county, 22 75					
1871.						
April 21,	By am't rec'd from Whitmarsh P., Talbot county, 25 00					
1870.					47	75
Dec.	By am't rec'd from E. New Market P., Dorchester, 5 00					
1871.						
May 23,	By am't rec'd from E. New Market P., Dorchester, 8 64					
					13	64
May 23,	By am't rec'd from Vienna, Dorchester county.....				3	84
1870.						
Dec. 8,	By am't rec'd from G. Choptank P., Dorchester, 33 33					
Dec. 5,	" " " " " "		5	29		
	" " " " " "		26	25		
1871.						
April 13,	" " " " " "		33	70		
May 23,	" " " " " "		10	78		
					109	35

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1870.		
Dec. 5,	By am't rec'd from Trinity Ch., Ch. Creek, Dorchester co.	\$ 2 20
Oct. 14,	By am't rec'd from Spring Hill P., Wicomico county.....	28 72
" 16,	By am't rec'd from Coventry P., Somerset county.....	5 52
1871.		
May 23,	By am't rec'd from Coventry P., Somerset county....	5 00
1871.		10 52
Jan. 2,	By am't rec'd from Pocomoke P., Somerset and Worcester counties.....	30 00
May 23,	" " " " " "	15 00
		45 00
Feb. 17,	By am't rec'd from All Hallows P., Worcester county...	6 85
" 17,	By am't rec'd from Worcester P., Worcester county.....	43 78
June 2,	By am't rec'd from Somerset P., Somerset county.....	50 00
		<u>\$1918 18</u>

ACCOUNT OF THE LATE TREASURER OF THE MISSIONARY FUND
OF THE DIOCESE OF EASTON.

1870.

DR.

June 1st.	To balance in hand, reported by the late Treasurer to the Convention of 1870.....	\$1,153 33
	Added to this amount for clerical error.....	12 00
		<u>\$1,165 33</u>
June 1.	Cash of Great Choptank Parish.....	5 91
" "	" " North Sassafras "	59 09
" "	" " Southern Convocation, per Rev. J. O. Barton (funds in hand before establishment of the Diocese.).....	71 00
	East New Market Parish	4 92
" "	" " Worcester Parish.....	19 00
July 1.	" " St. Michael's Parish.....	14 98
Aug. 2.	" " White Marsh "	21 50
" 11.	" " Great Choptank "	6 75
" 11.	" " Christ Church Parish, Kent Island.....	5 00
" 31.	" " St. Paul's, Kent County.....	22 25
		<u>\$1,393 73</u>

1870.

CR..

July 7th.	Order in favor of the Rev. Jas. A. McKenney, D. D...	75 00
" 12.	" " " " Same.....	37 50
Aug. 11.	" " " " Rev. Mr. May.....	15 00
" "	" " " " Rev. John Martin.....	200 00
" 15.	" " " " Rev. E. H. C. Goodwin..	75 00
		<u>\$402 50</u>

Balance in the hands of the late Treasurer, as shown in his
 Ledger Account.....\$991 23
 \$1,393 73

The foregoing statement was gathered by me from the books of Mr. Kennard, our late Treasurer.

HENRY C. LAY.

AMOUNTS RECEIVED BY THE BISHOP AFTER THE DECEASE OF THE TREASURER.

1870.

Oct. 1. St. Paul's Parish, Centreville.....	\$33 00
" 9. Trinity Church, Elkton.....	24 13
" 14. Spring Hill Parish, Salisbury.....	28 72
" 16. Coventry Parish	5 52
" 18. St. Michael's Parish.....	50 00
	————\$141 37

1870.

CR.

Oct. 14. Paid Rev. Dr. Wilson for travelling expenses.....	\$12 00
Balance in the hands of the Bishop to be turned over.....	129 37
	————\$141 37

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HOME FOR FRIENDLESS CHILDREN OF THE
 EASTERN SHORE OF MARYLAND.

The Officers and Managers of the Home for Friendless Children of the Eastern Shore of Maryland respectfully submit to the Convention of the Diocese of Easton this their first Annual Report. Not long after the last meeting of the Convention we bought a farm a quarter of a mile from Easton, containing 46 acres of land, at a cost of \$3087.56. On it is a house, large enough for our present wants, and the necessary out-buildings.

Our next effort was to secure the services of a Matron, and we feel deeply grateful that we were guided to one (the widow of a clergyman) well qualified to fill the position. On the 13th of January the Home, having been comfortably furnished throughout, was opened, and the Matron entered on her duties, having under her charge two little children. Since then five others have been received, making the whole number seven. We have been much gratified at the prompt response which has met our appeals for aid, and we trust that the same generous liberality may be continued to us. It is with confidence that we assure those who have assisted us in establishing this Institution that they are helping to give good training and a happy home to those who would otherwise be destitute of both. May they at the last hear from Him who loves the little children the blessed words, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these . . . ye have done it unto me."

All which is respectfully submitted.

ELIZA W. LAY, *President.*

HOME FOR FRIENDLESS CHILDREN, IN ACCOUNT WITH E. A. GOLDSBOROUGH, TREASURER.

Receipts and Expenditures from February 16, 1869, at which date the first subscriptions were paid, are as follows :

SUBSCRIPTIONS FROM PARISHES.

From North Sassafras, Cecil county.....	\$ 113 25
" Trinity Church, Elkton, Cecil county.....	50 30
" Great Choptank, Dorchester county.....	172 23
" Church Creek, Dorchester county.....	12 00
" East New Market, Dorchester county.....	5 00
" Chester, Kent county.....	42 50
" St. Paul's, Kent county.....	6 46
" Shrewsbury, Kent county.....	40 00
" St. Paul's, Queen Anne's county.....	5 00
" Somerset, Somerset county.....	341 10
" St. Mary's, Worcester county.....	75 00
" St. Paul's Worcester county.....	65 00
" St. Peter's, Talbot county.....	304 25
" St. Michael's, Talbot county.....	183 27
" Whitmarsh, Talbot county.....	72 19
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	\$1487 55

RECAPITULATION BY COUNTIES.

From Cecil county.....	\$ 163 55
" Dorchester county.....	189 23
" Kent county.....	88 96
" Queen Anne county.....	5 00
" Somerset county.....	341 10
" Worcester county.....	140 00
" Talbot county.....	559 71
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	\$1487 55

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Don't's for Agents and Donations from the Eastern	
State.....	\$1487 55
Amount for the Eastern Convention.....	5000 00
Don't's for the Eastern Convention.....	25 87
Don't's for the Eastern Convention.....	89 00
Don't's for the Eastern Convention.....	75 00
Don't's for the Eastern Convention.....	5 55
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Total Receipts.....	\$6083 00

EXPENDITURES.

Purchase of Home.....	\$3087 56
Recording Deed and Stamps.....	5 95
Three Years' Insurance on Home.....	42 50
Carpenter's Repairs on Home.....	162 08
Furnishing and Supplies to January 21st.....	350 81
Supplies since January 20th to May 11th.....	120 41
Children's Clothing.....	82 22
Matron for Contingent Expenses.....	15 00
Matron's Salary to July 1.....	110 00
Servants' Wages.....	20 00
Printing, Stationery, and Stamps.....	31 00
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	4027 53
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	\$2655 47
Balance on hand.....	\$2655 47
Of which sum there is loaned out on interest.....	\$2300 00
Cash in Bank.. ..	355 47
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	\$2655 47 \$2655 47

FARM OF THE HOME FOR FRIENDLESS CHILDREN, IN ACCOUNT WITH
E. A. GOLDSBOROUGH, TREASURER.

CR.

By Cash rec'd for 29½ Bushels Corn @ 75c.....	\$ 20 48
" " " from Sales Wheat.....	55 05
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	\$75 53

DR.

To Cash paid for 1 Ton Guano.....	\$ 30 00
" " " Posts for Fence.....	13 55
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	\$43 55
Balance to Cr. of Farm	\$31 98
Balance in Bank.....	\$31 98

E. A. GOLDSBOROUGH, *Treasurer.*

ASHLY, May 11, 1871.

Examined and found correct.

J. L. ADKINS, *Auditor.*

N. B.— Since the 11th of May there have been received from Vienna \$3.00.
Donation from a Southern lady \$50.00.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.—Mrs. E. W. Lay, Mrs. R. Wilson, Mrs. E. A. Goldsborough, Miss A. E. Colquhoun, Mrs. A. M. Tilghman, Miss A. M. D. Earle, Mrs. L. A. Powell, Miss A. Tilghman, Mrs. D. C. Dawson, Mrs. A. R. Tilghman, Mrs. A. K. Dawson, Mrs. A. M. Hollyday, Mrs. S. C. Chamberlaine, Mrs. S. G. Powell, Miss E. M. Goldsborough, Miss Belle Harrison, Mrs. Wm. Lovedy.

COUNCIL OF ADVICE—Rev. Mr. Wilson, Rev. Mr. Dashiell, Jno. M. Goldsborough, J. L. Adkins, Dr. E. M. Hardcastle.

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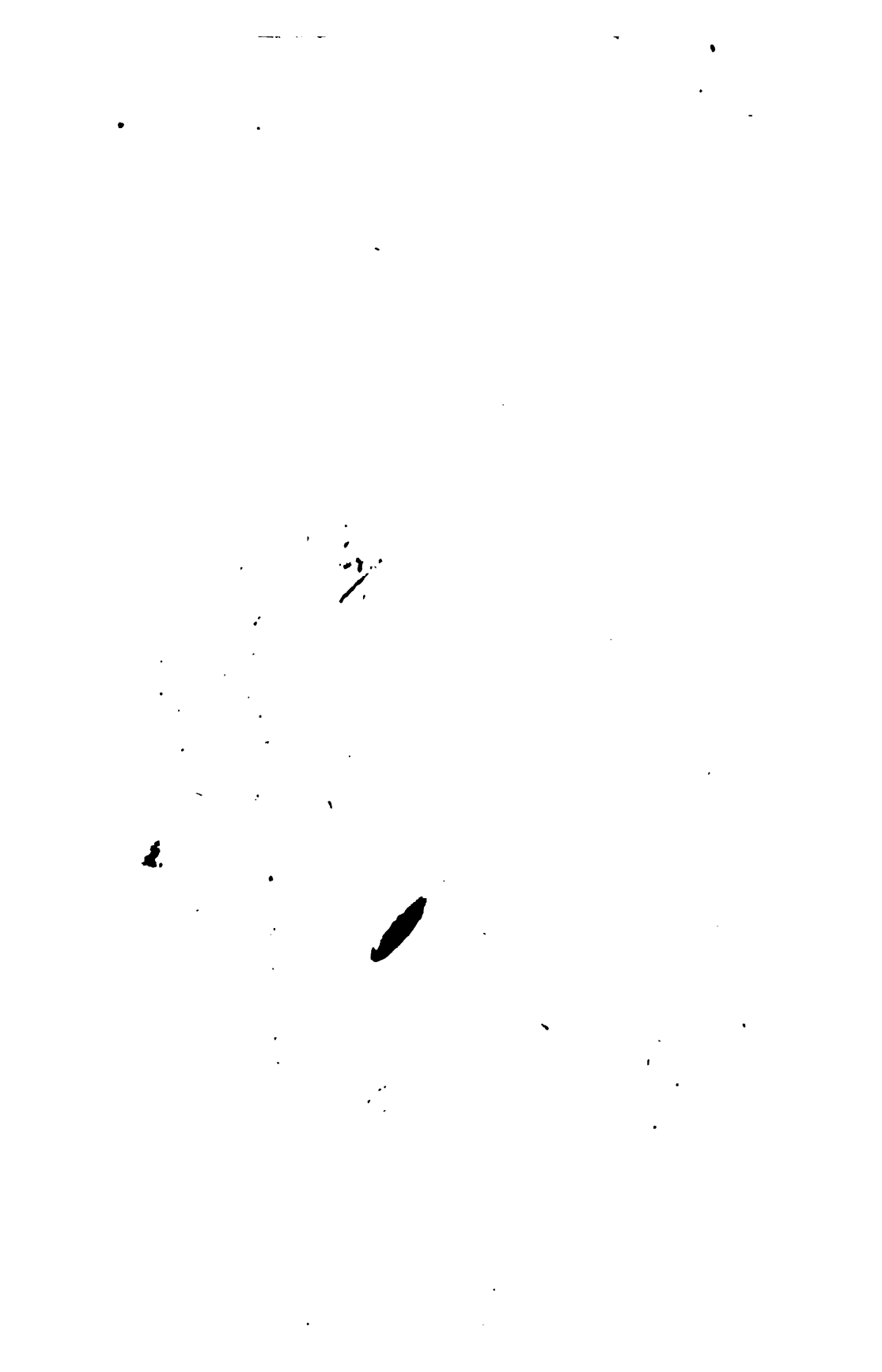
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COUNTY.	PARISH OR	APPROPRIATIONS.		
		Within the Diocese.	Outside the Diocese.	Foreign Missions.
Caroline.....	St. John's.....	6 85		
	St. Mary's White			
Cecil.....	Augustine.....	10 00		
	St. Mary Anne's	11 50	3 75	
	St. James', Port	36 28	6 62	
	North Sassafras	330 00	30 00	20 00
	Trinity, Elkton	112 54	9 33	9 61
Dorchester.....	Dorchester, (b)			
	East New Marke			
	Great Choptank	406 18	47 65	5 00
	Vienna.....			
Kent.....	Chester, (c)			
	I. U. (c)			
	North Kent.....	27 08	37 00	
	St. Paul's.....	66 97	62 97	4 03
	Shrewsbury.....	77 12	76 61	15 67
Queen Anne's.....	Christ Church P			
	St. Luke's.....			
	St. Paul's.....	199 53	403 80	81 10
Q. Anne's and Talbot.....	Wye, (c)			
Somerset.....	Coventry.....			
	Somerset.....	343 10	46 00	
	Wicomico, (d)			
Somerset and Worcester.....	Pocomoke.....	84 22	36 45	14 00
Talbot.....	St. Michael's....	214 00	19 30	19 50
	St. Peter's.....	7 50	48 49	56 87
	Holy Trinity, O			
	Whitemarsh....	190 25	19 28	
Wicomico.....	St. Matthew's, (
	Spring Hill.....	264 10	16 11	11 50
	Stepney, (d)....			
Worcester.....	All Hallows.....	6 85		18 16
	Worcester.....	102 50	25 25	25 00
		2496 57	\$ 888 61	\$ 280 44

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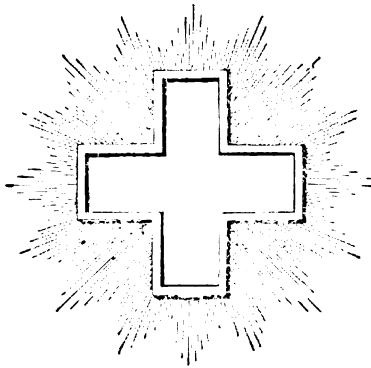
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MEETINGS OF CONVOCATIONS.

NORTHERN CONVOCATION.

Dean.

First Tuesday in October, at North East. First Tuesday in February, at Port Deposit. First Tuesday in May, in Shrewsbury Parish.

MIDDLE CONVOCATION.

The Rev. THEO. P. BARBER, *Dean.*

Third Tuesday in October, at St. Michael's. Third Tuesday in February at Centreville. Second Tuesday in May, at Trappe.

SOUTHERN CONVOCATION.

The Rev. JOHN CROSDALE, *Dean.*

First Tuesday in November, at Snow Hill. Third Tuesday in January, at Berlin. Third Tuesday in April, at Princess Anne.

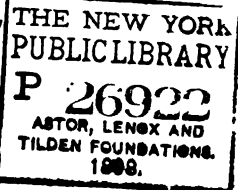
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HOME OF THE FRIENDLESS.

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LIST OF THE CLERGY

OF THE

DIOCESE OF EASTON, JUNE 5TH, 1872.

. Those whose names are in *italics* are not entitled to a seat in the Convention, and those marked with a * did not attend its sessions.

Rt. Rev. HENRY C. LAY, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese.

Rev. JOHN CROSDALE, Rector of Pocomoke Parish, Somerset and Worcester Cos.

“ THEODORE P. BARBER, Rector of Great Choptank Parish, Dorchester Co.

“ **John A. Thompson*, residing on Kent Island.

“ ERASTUS F. DASHIELL, Rector of St. Michael's Parish, Talbot Co.

“ GEORGE F. BEAVEN, Rector of St. John's Parish, Caroline Co.

“ JAMES L. BRYAN, M. D., Deacon, Assistant Minister of Great Choptank Parish, and Missionary in Dorchester Parish.

“ **George W. E. Fiske*.

“ *THOMAS L. GREEN, Rector of St. Luke's Parish, Queen Anne's Co.

“ JOSEPH N. WATSON, Rector of Christ Church Parish, Queen Anne's Co.

“ JOHN O. BARTON, Rector of Somerset Parish, Somerset Co.

“ WILLIAM FULTON, D. D., Rector of Spring Hill Parish, Wicomico Co.

“ ARISTIDES S. SMITH, Rector of St. Paul's Parish, Queen Anne's Co.

“ JAMES A. MITCHELL, Rector of Whitemarsh Parish, Talbot Co.

“ ROBERT WILSON, M. D., Rector of St. Peter's Parish, Talbot Co.

“ THOMAS F. BILLOP, Rector of North Sassafras Parish, Cecil Co.

Diocesan Convention of Easton.

- " *LORENZO S. RUSSELL, Rector of St. Mary Anne's Parish, Cecil Co.
- " OGLE MARBURY, Rector of All Hallows Parish, Worcester Co.
- " JOHN MARTIN, Rector of St. James Church, Port Deposit.
- " EDWARD J. STEARNS, Rector of St. Mary's Whitechapel Parish,
Caroline Co.
- " WILLIAM B. EVERETT, M. D., Deacon, officiating in Wye Parish.
- " GEORGE S. FITZHUGH, Deacon, officiating in Worcester Parish.
- " *Edward G. Perryman.
- " JAMES W. HOSKINS, Rector of East New Market and Vienna Parishes,
Dorchester Co.
- " STEPHEN C. ROBERTS, Rector of Chester Parish, Kent Co.
- " *JOHN WADE NOTT, Rector-elect of Dorchester Parish, Dorchester Co.

In all: the Bishop, 22 Priests and 3 Deacons=26.

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OF
PARISHES AND CONGREGATIONS IN THE DIOCESE OF EASTON,
WITH THE CLERGY OF THE SAME;
AND OF
LAY DELEGATES TO THE FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.
Lay Delegates marked with a * did not attend.

CAROLINE COUNTY.

Lay Delegates.

St. John's Parish.

St. Paul's Church, Hillsborough,

Rev. George F. Beaven, Rector. G. W. Goldsborough, M. D.

St. Mary's, Whitechapel Parish,

Rev. Edward J. Stearns, Rector. Geo. M. Russum.

CECIL COUNTY.

Augustine Parish.

St. Augustine Church.

St. Mary Anne's Parish.

St. Mary Anne's Church, Northeast,

St. Mark's Chapel, Perryville,

Rev. Lorenzo S. Russell, Rector. H. S. Coudon.

North Sassafras Parish.

St. Stephen's Church.

Rev. Thomas F. Billopp, Rector. A. J. Pennington.

Trinity Parish.

Trinity Church, Elkton.

R. C. Mackall, M. D.

St. James's Church, Port Deposit,

Rev. John Martin, Rector.

H. L. Physick.

*Diocesan Convention of Easton.**DORCHESTER COUNTY.**Dorchester Parish.*

Trinity Church, Church Creek,
Trinity Chapel, Taylor's Island,
Rev. Jas. L. Bryan,
Minister in charge.

Lay Delegates.

*W. A. Smith, M. D.

East New Market Parish.

St. Stephen's Church, East New Market,
Rev. Jas. W. Hoskins, Rector.

Thos. B. Sherman.

Great Choptank Parish.

Christ Church, Cambridge,
St. John's Chapel, Castle Haven Neck,
Rev. Theo. P. Barber, Rector.
Rev. Jas. L. Bryan, Deacon,
Assistant Minister.

Dan'l M. Henry.

Wm. R. Hayward, M. D.

Vienna Parish.

St. Paul's Church, Vienna,
Rev. Jas. W. Hoskins, Rector.

Wm. S. Craft.

*KENT COUNTY.**Chester Parish.*

St. Paul's Church, Chestertown,
Rev. Stephen C. Roberts, Rector.

W. S. Walker.

I. U. Parish,

St. Peter's Church.

Sewell Hepbron.

North Kent Parish.

St. Clement's Church, Massey's X Roads.

C. H. B. Massey, M. D.

St Paul's Parish.

St. Paul's Church.

H. Beck.

Shrewsbury Parish.

Shrewsbury Church.

*QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY.**Christ Church Parish.*

Christ Church, Kent Island,
Rev. Jos. N. Wattson, Rector.

*W. E. G. Newnam.

St. Luke's Parish.

St. Luke's Church, Church Hill,
Rev. Thos. L. Green, Rector.

*Jno. Brown.

St. Paul's Parish.

St. Paul's Church, Centreville,
Rev. Aristides S. Smith, Rector.

*Jas. T. Earle.

List of Parishes, &c.

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QUEEN ANNE'S AND TALBOT COUNTIES.

Wye Parish.

Lay Delegates.

St. Luke's Church, Queenstown,

St. Luke's Chapel, Wye,

Rev. Wm. B. Everett, M. D.,

Deacon, officiating.

R. B. Carmichael.

SOMERSET COUNTY.

Coventry Parish.

Rehoboth Church, Rehoboth,

St. Paul's Church, Annamessex,

St. Mark's Church, Kingston,

St. Stephen's Church, Fairmount,

Rev. John Crosdale,

Minister in charge.

Geo. R. Dennis, M. D.

Somerset Parish.

All Saints Church, Monie,

St. Andrew's Church, Princess Anne,

Rev. John O. Barton, Rector,

L. Woolford.

Wicomico Parish.

Grace Church.

SOMERSET AND WORCESTER COUNTIES.

Pocomoke Parish.

St. Mary's Church, Newtown,

Rev. John Crosdale, Rector.

B. F. Williams.

TALBOT COUNTY.

St. Michael's Parish.

St. Michael's Church, St. Michael's,

St. John's Church, Miles River Ferry,

St. Paul's Chapel, Royal Oak,

Rev. Erastus F. Dashiell, Rector. J. Harrington.

St. Peter's Parish.

Christ Church, Easton,

Rev. Robt. Wilson, M. D., Rector.

J. L. Adkins, M. D.

Church of the Holy Trinity, Oxford.

Whitemarsh Parish.

St. Peter's Church, Whitemarsh,

St. Paul's Church, Trappe,

Rev. Jas. A. Mitchell, Rector.

T. S. Haddaway.

Diocesan Convention of Easton.

WICOMICO COUNTY.

St. Matthew's Parish.

Lay Delegates.

St. Matthew's Church.

Spring Hill Parish.

St. Peter's Church,

St. Peter's Chapel, Salisbury,

St. Philip's Chapel, Quantico,

Rev. William Fulton, Rector.

T. F. J. Rider.

Stepney Parish.

Stepney Church, Green Hill,

St. Mary's Chapel, Tyaskin.

E. Riall.

WORCESTER COUNTY.

All Hallows Parish.

All Hallows Church, Snow Hill,

St. John's Church, Traptown,

Chapel of the Holy Cross, Sandy Hill,

Rev. Ogle Marbury, Rector.

Geo. W. Upshur.

Worcester Parish.

St. Paul's Church, Berlin,

St. Martin's Church, St. Martin,

Rev. Geo. S. Fitzhugh,

Deacon, officiating.

Jno. S. Purnell.

In all: 33 Incorporated Parishes and Congregations (represented at the Fourth Annual Convention by 25 Lay Delegates) and 17 Chapels.

On Canons:

the Rev. Theo. P. Barber, the Rev. A. S. Smith, Mr. Dan'l M. Henry.

Diocesan Missions Committee:

the Bishop of the Diocese (President), the Rev. Theo. P. Barber, the Rev. John Crosdale, Messrs. J. L. Adkins, M. D. (Treasurer), Jos. E. M. Chamberlaine, M. D.

Council of Advice of the Home of Friendless Children of the Eastern Shore of Maryland:

the Rev. Robert Wilson, M. D., the Rev. E. F. Dashiell, Messrs. John M. Goldsborough, J. L. Adkins, M. D., E. M. Hardeastle, M. D.

Trustees of the General Theological Seminary:

the Rev. E. F. Dashiell, the Rev. Jos. N. Wattson, the Rev. E. J. Stearns, the Rev. Jas. A. Mitchell.

The Board of Examiners in Theology:

the Rev. E. J. Stearns, the Rev. Theo. P. Barber, the Rev. John W. Nott.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with prayer.
2. This Convention shall sit for the dispatch of business, beginning with Divine service, at such hours as each Convention may determine.
3. At the opening of the session, the Convention shall be called to order by the Bishop; or, if there be no Bishop, or he be absent, by the President of the Standing Committee, or by some member of that body appointed by those of its members who may be present.
4. The names of the Clergymen, from a list furnished by the Bishop, and if there be no Bishop, by the Standing Committee, shall then be called over by the Secretary of the last Convention, or, in his absence, by some person appointed by the Bishop or other person who called the Convention to order. The Lay Delegates shall then lay their certificates upon the table, and subscribe the Declaration required by the Constitution. If a quorum of both orders appear, the Bishop, if present, shall announce the fact, and declare that the Convention is organized and ready for business.
5. In case of the absence of the Bishop, or of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the person who called the Convention to order shall announce that there is a quorum present. The Convention shall then proceed to elect a President, according to the seventh article of the Constitution; who shall, so soon as his election is completed, take the chair and declare that the Convention is organized and ready for business.
6. The first business after that declaration is made, either by the Bishop or the President, shall be the election of a Secretary. The Chair may then appoint an Assistant Secretary and the Committees mentioned in the next Rule.
7. The following Committees shall be appointed by the Chair: One on Rights of Clergymen to Seats in this Convention, consisting of three clergymen; one on Elections, to consist of three laymen, to whom the testimonials of the lay Delegates shall be referred; one on Accounts, to consist of three laymen; one on Parochial Contributions, to consist of three laymen; one on the Admission of New Parishes and Congregations into union with this Convention, to consist of two clergymen and one layman; one on the Episcopal Fund, to consist of two laymen and one clergyman; and one on Canons and other business, to consist of two clergymen and one layman. The Chair shall also appoint all other Committees for the appointment of which no other provision is made, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.
8. Every member shall take his seat when the President takes the chair, and remain uncovered until he shall have left the Convention.

9. Every member who shall speak in any debate shall stand up in his place and respectfully address himself to the President.

10. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the President shall decide who shall speak first.

11. No member shall speak more than twice in any debate without leave. If any member shall rise to speak more than twice on the same question without leave, the President shall call him to order. No member shall be interrupted while he is speaking in order.

12. Any member who is speaking shall take his seat when called to order by the President or any other member.

13. No member shall speak to another so as to interrupt any member who may be speaking in debate.

14. No motion shall be debated until the same shall be seconded, and, if desired by any member, reduced to writing and read by the Secretary.

15. When a motion is made and seconded, the matter of the motion shall receive a determination by the question, before any motion not privileged shall be received.

16. Privileged motions, in their order of precedence, shall be to adjourn, to postpone indefinitely, to lay on the table, to amend, and to offer a substitute; the question on the first three to be taken without debate.

17. If a question contain more parts than one, any member may have the same divided into as many questions as there are parts.

18. All questions of order shall be decided by the President; but there shall be a right of appeal to the Convention.

19. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention, and shall not be again drawn into debate during the session, except with the consent of two-thirds of the Convention.

20. No question shall be taken on any Report, unless upon a motion to print or re-commit it; but Reports shall, as of course, lie upon the table. If a Committee deem any action of the Convention desirable, it shall be their duty to present in writing such Resolutions, Acts, or Canons as they may think it should adopt; which only shall be subject to the action of the Convention. Every Act which divides a Parish, or in any way affects Parish Boundaries, shall distinctly set out the new boundaries which it is intended to establish. The Convention will not act upon any proposed Resolution, Act, or Canon, which is not conformed to the provisions of this rule.

21. All Elections shall be by ballot, unless otherwise ordered; the votes of the clergy and laity shall be received and counted separately; but the votes shall be regarded as a joint one, and the election shall be decided by a majority of the whole number of votes taken together, unless a vote by Orders shall have been required agreeably to the fifth article of the Constitution.

22. The foregoing Rules of Order shall be deemed and considered the Rules of Order of all future Conventions, until altered or rescinded; and the same shall be published in the Journal of each Convention.

JOURNAL OF CONVENTION.

THE FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION of the *Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Easton*, assembled in St. Andrew's Church, Princess Anne, on Wednesday, the 5th day of June, 1872, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Morning prayer was said by the Reverend Messrs. Wilson, Barber, and Dashiell. The Ante-Communion service was said by the Rt. Rev. Wm. Pinkney, D. D., Assistant Bishop of Maryland, the Rt. Rev., the Bishop of the Diocese, reading the Gospel.

The Convention sermon was preached by the Rt. Rev. Wm. Pinkney, D. D., Assistant Bishop of Maryland, from the third verse of the Epistle of St. Jude. The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by the Assistant Bishop of Maryland, the Rev. Messrs. Crosdale and Barber.

Divine Service concluded, the Rt. Rev., the President, called the Convention to order.

The Rev. Jas. L. Bryan, Secretary of the last Convention, proceeded to call the roll of clergy entitled to seats, from a list furnished by the Bishop, when the following answered to their names:

Right Rev. Henry C. Lay.	Rev. Mr. Fulton,
Rev. Mr. Barber,	" " Hoskins,
" " Barton,	" " Marbury,
" " Billopp,	" " Mitchell,
" " Bryan,	" " Smith,
" " Crosdale,	" " Stearns,
" " Dashiell,	" " Wattson,
" " Fitzhugh,	" " Wilson,

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The Rev. Mr. Roberts was present, but *not* entitled to a seat.

The Certificates of Lay Delegates being laid upon the Secretary's desk, the list of such delegates was read, when the following were found to be present, viz:

Mr. Adkins,	Mr. Massey,	
" Beck,	" Pennington,	
" Carmichael,	" Purnell,	
" Craft,	" Riall,	
" Goldsborough,	" Rider,	
" Haddaway,	" Russum,	
" Harrington,	" Upshur,	
" Hayward,	" Walker,	
" Henry,	" Williams,	
" Hepbron,	" Woolford,	
" Mackall,		=21

A quorum of both orders being present, the President announced the first business in order to be the election of a Secretary.

The Rev. Mr. Barton nominated the Rev. Jas. L. Bryan, and there being no other nomination, an election by ballot was dispensed with, and the Rev. Mr. Bryan was re-elected.

The President appointed Mr. Wm. T. Walker, Assistant Secretary. The Rt. Rev., the President, then introduced to the Convention the Right Rev. Wm. Pinkney, D. D., Assistant Bishop of Maryland, the Convention rising, and the Assistant Bishop of Maryland responding.

The President announced the following Committees:

On Rights of Clergymen to Seats:

Rev. Mr. Fulton, Rev. Mr. Mitchell, Rev. Mr. Marbury.

On Elections:

Mr. Mackall, Mr. Hepbron, Mr. Woolford.

On Accounts:

Mr. Massey, Mr. Pennington, Mr. Russum.

On Parochial Contributions:

Mr. Haddaway, Mr. Hayward, Mr. Rider.

On Admission of Parishes:

Rev. Mr. Wattson, Rev. Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Carmichael.

On the Episcopal Fund:

Rev. Mr. Dashiell, Mr. Hayward, Mr. Craft.

On Canons:

Rev. Mr. Barber, Rev. Mr. Smith, Mr. Henry,

On the State of the Church:

Rev. Mr. Stearns, Rev. Mr. Fulton, Rev. Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Adkins, Mr. Purnell.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Barber it was

Resolved, That visiting Clergymen from other Dioceses, Clergymen and officers of this Diocese, not entitled to seats, and candidates for Holy Orders, be invited to seats as honorary members in this Convention.

The Rev. Chas. Goodrich, D. D. of the Diocese of Louisiana, and Rev. Mr. Miller of the Diocese of Maryland, with Mr. H. H. Dashiell, Trustee of the Episcopal Fund, took seats in the Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Barton it was

Resolved, That when the Convention adjourns this morning, it be to meet at 7½ o'clock P. M., when the Bishop's address may be read.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Stearns it was

Resolved, That this Convention express their very great gratification in the presence of the Rt. Rev., the Assistant Bishop of Maryland, and their high appreciation of the instructive sermon, with which, he has, this morning favored us; and that a copy of the same be requested for publication with the Journal of the Convention, and that 500 extra copies of the Sermon be printed.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Barton it was

Resolved, That the Convention meet to-morrow at 9 A. M., adjourn at 1 P. M., and meet at 3 P. M.

On motion the Convention then adjourned.

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EVENING SESSION.

Evening Prayer was said by the Rev. Messrs. Roberts and Hoskins.

The Convention was called to order by the President. Mr. Mackall from the Committee on Elections, reported the following Lay Delegates, as entitled to seats, viz:

Messrs. J. L. Adkins, H. Beck, J. Brown, R. B. Carmichael, H. S. Coudon, W. S. Craft, Geo. R. Dennis, Jas. T. Earle, G. W

Goldsborough, T. S. Haddaway, J. Harrington, W. R. Hayward, D. M. Henry, S. Hepbron, R. C. Mackall, C. H. B. Massey, W. E. G. Newnam, A. J. Pennington, J. S. Purnell, H. L. Physick, T. F. J. Rider, E. Riall, G. M. Russum, Thos. Sherman, W. A. Smith, G. W. Upsher, B. J. Williams, W. S. Walker, L. Woolford.

The Rev. Mr. Fulton from the Committee on rights of Clergymen to seats, reported the following list of Clergymen entitled to seats, viz:

The Rt. Rev. Henry C. Lay, D. D., the Rev. Messrs. Theo. P. Barber, John O. Barton, George F. Beaven, Thos. F. Billopp, Jas. L. Bryan, John Crosdale, E. F. Dashiell, Wm. B. Everett, Geo. S. Fitzhugh, Wm. Fulton, Thos. L. Green, J. W. Hoskins, Ogle Marbury, John Martin, Jas. A. Mitchell, L. S. Russell, A. S. Smith, E. J. Stearns, Jos. N. Wattson, Robt. Wilson.

The Bishop then read his address, as follows:

A D D R E S S.

BRETHREN OF THE CONVENTION:

In reviewing the acts and engagements of the past twelve months, I seem to have been greatly hindered in the work of the diocese, and I have need to remind myself that hindrances are not things outside of the path of duty, but are rather obstacles providentially interposed for wise and merciful purposes.

Thus a severe and dangerous accident in my family (in which, let me say, I have reason to be grateful for the large sympathy extended me on every side) obliged me to surrender a long list of appointments, and engrossed my time and my thoughts for several weeks. Again, after repeated attacks of sickness during the summer and fall, I was confined to the house for a whole month in midwinter with an intermittent fever. These weeks during which I was debarred from work and from public worship, were, I trust, not lost time. I was led to think not so much of the extent of our work as of its character; whether it indeed be such as to endure the fiery test which is to prove what sort it is; and when strength was renewed, I realized more than ever what a privilege it is to make full proof of the ministry.

Moreover during the year past, engagements connected with the general interests of the Church have occupied no small portion of

my time and thoughts. As a member of the general convention, as trustee of a society organized for Clergy Relief, and as one of a committee deputed by the House of Bishops to conduct a visitation of the General Theological Seminary, I have been a good deal engaged outside of the diocese.

THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

The late session of the chief legislature of the Church in Baltimore is a memorable event in the year's history. I need scarcely remind you of the marked ability which characterized its discussions, and of the affectionate temper which pervaded all its transactions. Of legislation there was none, except what seemed to be demanded by some practical exigency. For myself I rejoice exceedingly in the adoption of a new Hymnal. I deem it a very admirable compilation, well adapted to promote and elevate the devotion of our people. I have not urged its immediate introduction into use, because it seems very desirable that we should encourage the purchase of volumes containing the tunes, and we should use deliberation and advice in the selection of suitable music. One cannot but observe in our congregations a disposition to adopt sentimental music sung almost in ballad style. In the new Hymnal and in the musical adaptations provided already, we shall find encouragement to introduce a more earnest, animated style of sacred song, which of itself will draw in the voices of the many.

The Declaration of the Bishops concerning the Baptism of Infants, and the utterances of the Pastoral Letter concerning certain efforts to define the character of our LORD's presence in the Holy Eucharist, have given rise to much discussion in the Church.

The former of these has been objected to as a mere truism. But in Christian kindness we have need sometimes to utter truisms. It may be utterly unreasonable, in view of the established use and meaning of the word regenerate in all catholic writers, to deprecate an unfair interpretation of it. It seems very superfluous to tell people who hold the Prayer Book in their hands that that work of the Holy Ghost which we call Regeneration, so far from dispensing with the necessity of voluntary piety, does the more oblige those who have received so great a benefit, to faith, to repentance, to the conscious and willing turning in heart and life to God; and that the barren branch of the true vine, for the reason that it is of the vine, incurs a more deadly condemnation than that which was never, by a new birth, grafted in. But whereas a certain confusion of mind

has grown up, causing men to insist that Regeneration is equivalent to conversion in our formularies, I was ready and willing, without detracting in any wise from the mysterious spiritual blessing conferred in Holy Baptism, to say that none of us affirmed as of necessity appertaining to it, that moral change which is wrought by the Holy Ghost in concurrence with the individual will, under all the circumstances of teaching, temptation, and spiritual conflict which, in the ordering of God, are associated with it.

So also in regard to the teaching of the Pastoral Letter respecting the doctrine of the Holy Eucharist. While asserting the true character of that Sacrament as a memorial before God of the one sacrifice on Calvary, and as a partaking of the living bread which came down from Heaven, even the flesh and the blood given for our life, we did not hesitate to rebuke such explanations and such practices as might attach adoration to the paten and the cup, unmindful of a viewless presence but most real, which pervades all the service, and sanctifies by Word and Holy Spirit the gifts and creatures of bread and wine.

For the sake of others I was ready and willing to unite in the declaration and in the warning put forth by the Bishops. They affirmed that which I habitually endeavor to teach. We cannot too earnestly maintain that privileges save no man: that it is vain to boast that we are the children of the covenant, or to cry, "the Temple of the LORD, the Temple of the LORD, the Temple of the LORD are these," unless we worship in spirit and truth in the thrice-holy One who sanctifies the Temple. But I may add, if regard had been had to our local needs in this Eastern Shore of Maryland, I should have asked for teaching and warning equally emphatic in just the opposite direction.

I verily believe that if we could poll the Christian men and women among whom we dwell, one by one, questioning them about Sacraments, we should not find one in ten who recognizes in Baptism anything more than a solemn dedication of a child to God, or in the Eucharist any profounder element than a pious commemoration of the death of our Blessed LORD!

I dare go farther still. I believe that of the baptized children around us, the immense majority have never so much as had it suggested to them that their privilege and their responsibility differ materially from those of the unbaptized. Shall I go farther still? I fear, nay I believe, that a very large proportion of people who can read the Bible and who attend the services of religion, do

not know that the Holy Ghost is a Person, and never in all their lives addressed to Him a prayer!

So far as your teachings, my reverent brethren, are concerned, I believe there is no uncertainty. You teach the baptized that they are really and truly members of CHRIST: you tell your people that the body and blood of CHRIST are truly and indeed present to faith in the Holy Supper.

But you must be conscious, as I am conscious, that our people, infected by the rationalism which repudiates any invisible operation of the Holy Ghost in the Sacraments, are very far from a right appreciation of the dignity of these holy mysteries and the benefits conveyed through them. Our danger lies in the direction of rationalism rather than of superstition.

I have very cheerfully concurred with my brethren in resisting dangers of which they were afraid—the danger of permitting baptismal privilege to exclude the necessity of a voluntary surrender of the heart to GOD, the danger of knowing CHRIST after the flesh in His Holy Supper, whereas like the apostle, henceforth we know Him thus no more. But in view of the needs of those among whom I am set to minister, I should have been glad had the Bishops seen fit, in their discretion, to utter their warning against the wide-spread but ill-defined error that the Holy Ghost is an influence; and also to put forth a solemn caution concerning the immense responsibility of the baptized as having *already* received a gift of GOD, together with words of high encouragement touching the substantial spiritual blessings devoutly to be sought, and which when devoutly sought are certainly bestowed in the Eucharist, even the participation in the body of the LORD.

THE GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

A commission of Bishops deputed to make a visitation of the General Seminary, has devoted a week to the duty assigned them. Their investigation, while conducted with all courtesy and brotherly kindness, was thorough and searching. The committee have so far anticipated their official report as to authorize the statement that the result was most satisfactory to them.

Candidates for holy orders will find in this Seminary excellent facilities in preparing for the ministry. I have been deeply impressed with the conviction that it might be made illustrious among the Schools of the Prophets, if only it could be put under a more efficient regimen. At present it is controlled by a Board composed

of two or three hundred persons, difficult to convene, accustomed to dispatch their business in haste and hunger, once or twice a year. I am persuaded that were its control placed absolutely in the hands of five or seven managers, chosen by the Bishops or by the general convention, its prosperity would be largely enhanced.

SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF CLERGY,

At the late general convention an attempt was made to put into efficient action a society many years since incorporated "for the relief of widows and orphans of deceased clergymen, and of aged, infirm and disabled clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church."

The convention gave to this society the copy-right of the Hymnal, and the Bishop of Delaware and myself, together with two Presbyters and three laymen, were appointed trustees.

This Board has already met three times, in the city of New York. In adjusting the questions growing out of the copy-right of the Hymnal, much pains was taken to consider the best interests of the Church, and the demands of a just and fair policy to Publishers. Being authorized to collect a royalty "equivalent to ten per cent on the retail price," the trustees thought it best to impose an average tax, of five cents per copy on all editions selling for a quarter of a dollar or more, and two cents per copy for cheaper editions. We have hoped thus to remove all temptations to pirate the copy-right, and also to encourage the issue of editions cheap enough to meet all wants.

Some documents connected with this society will be laid upon the Secretary's table, and your attention is invited to them. We must establish this Society. A beginning once made, a charity so deserving as this must steadily augment by gifts and legacies.

The condition in which the superannuated clergyman finds himself, or that in which the dying man of God leaves his family, is too painful to think of. We ought not to treat a faithful old horse, as the Church has treated some of her faithful servants. People tell us to insure our lives. But how is a man to insure his life who has scarce a living? and what hard measure it is to tempt the invalid clergyman to pray earnestly for death, that his wife and children may have the means of living.

This diocese is poor, and its needs are great. But I would be proud if in its poverty it shall be among the first to volunteer a contribution to this sacred trust.

VISITATION OF THE DIOCESE.

To copy year by year the diary of my visitations would be to weary you with details. It may suffice to say that there is no portion of the diocese to which I have not made an official visit, besides many occasional services as opportunity served.

In general I find the congregations well administered, and in quiet and sober working order. I could desire more evidence of enthusiasm, more dissatisfaction with the narrow limits within which our usefulness is circumscribed, a more generous desire to preach the Gospel to the poor. The hard-handed sons of labor are among those who come to Confirmation. I could wish the proportion were greater. It seems to me sometimes that our laity are disposed rather to demand of the clergyman pleasant services for themselves than to encourage him to go forth, and *to go forth with him* in search of the sheep that is lost. Ah, Brethren! we surely need the missionary spirit which lays hold on the wanderer and compels him to come in. In every parish there is a missionary work unattempted which the clergyman cannot do alone. I dare not report to you that it is well with us when there is so much indifference to the religious welfare of those not of the immediate congregation. May God help our lay people to recognize their duty and their privilege!

But I may comment with satisfaction upon the character of the classes presented for Confirmation, and the exceeding pains of some of the clergymen in preparing children for that rite. Young children are the fit subjects for confirmation, and God is ready to help them. It is not enough that they merely know what they are doing. The confirmation season affords a blessed opportunity to pastors and parents to seek the religious confidence of a child, gently to probe his conscience, to make it as sure as we can that his approach is an act of faith. I have been happy during the year to confirm children of whom I had good reason to believe that all the devout affections of the soul were in lively exercise.

I do not think that sufficient pains is taken in the preparation for the First Communion. If the clergy would make experiment, especially in the case of children, of a preparation to this end, thorough, systematic and as complete as that for Confirmation, I believe they would recognize the best results as following upon it.

CONFIRMATIONS.

Confirmations have been held as follows:—

St. John's Parish,	Caroline county	5
St. Mary's, Whitechapel,	" "	5
St. Augustine Parish,	Cecil county	1
St. Mary Anne's "	" "	8
Trinity " "	" "	5
North Sassafras "	" "	3
St. James, Port Deposit.	" "	21
E. New Market Parish,	Dorchester county	3
Great Choptank "	" "	22
Chester "	Kent county	4
Christ Church, Kent Island,	Queen Anne's county	1
St. Luke's Parish.	" " "	3
St. Paul's "	" " "	7
Wye "	Queen Anne's and Talbot Cos.	2
Somerset "	Somerset county	18
Pocomoke "	Somerset and Worcester Cos.	3
St. Michael's "	Talbot county	13
St. Peter's "	" "	12
Spring Hill "	Wicomico county	8
All Hallows "	Worcester county	3
In all		147

CLERGY ROLL.

Four clergymen have been received into the Diocese by Letters Dismissory, viz: the Rev. Edward G. Perryman and the Rev. John W. Nott from the Bishop of Maryland, the Rev. J. W. Hoskins from the Bishop of Delaware, and the Rev. S. C. Roberts from the Bishop of Virginia.

Mr. Perryman accepted the rectorship of St. Paul's, Kent Co., but subsequently resigned by reason of ill health.

Mr. Nott is Rector-elect of Dorchester Parish.

Mr. Hoskins is Rector of East New Market, and Mr. Roberts of Chester Parish.

One clergyman, the Rev. Geo. S. Fitzhugh, Deacon, has been added by ordination, and is officiating at Berlin. The Rev. W. Doane Mitchell has been transferred to the diocese of Florida, the Rev. James T. Hutcheson to the diocese of Texas, the Rev. William

C. Butler to the diocese of Kentucky, and the Rev. Paul Trapier, D. D., to the diocese of South Carolina.

I pause to express the great loss we have sustained by the Providential visitation which suddenly arrested so devout a man of God as Dr. Trapier in the midst of his usefulness. We had all learned to value him and to love him, and he had thrown himself heartily into our common work. In the absence of any provision for disabled clergymen, I have endeavored to secure by private appeal such aid as I could for himself and his large family. But alas! the need continues, and the fountain of active sympathy has I fear already run dry.

ORDINATION.

At an ordination held in Christ Church, Easton, on Friday the 16th of June last, Mr. George S. Fitzhugh was presented by the Rev. E. J. Stearns, and ordained to the Diaconate, and at the same time the Rev. Ogle Marbury, presented by the Rev. Dr. Trapier, was ordained Priest.

We have now on our list two candidates for Holy Orders, viz: Mr. P. Du Gue Trapier and Mr. W. T. Beaven; and two Deacons who are candidates for Priest's orders. I know of three young men who desire to give themselves to the ministry, but are unable to go to college for lack of means.

I notify the Convention that I appoint as the Examiners of the Diocese, the Rev. T. P. Barber, the Rev. E. J. Stearns, and the Rev. John W. Nott.

It gave me much satisfaction at the ordination before mentioned, to have the examiners and the candidates as my guests. Two days were thus devoted exclusively to devotion, to religious counsel, and to examination both oral and by written papers.

I deem it important to ensure these circumstances of quietness, thoroughness and special devotion for theological examination, believing that good results will flow therefrom.

On the 7th of October last, I laid the corner-stone of St. James Church, Port Deposit. At a subsequent visit a few weeks since I found the church completed, and but for the obstacle of ground rent not yet redeemed, ready for consecration. It is an excellent church, very thoroughly builded, with a stone basement affording Sunday School accommodation. The furniture made at home and by the hands of members of the congregation, is specially to be commended. I confirmed a very large class, and rejoiced greatly at the results of a year and a half of missionary work.

On the 28th of May, I consecrated St. Paul's Church, Whitemarsh parish, the Rev. Dr. Wilson preaching the sermon. This church has lately been adorned by the addition of a chancel window and other improvements.

All Saints' Church in St. Michael's Parish is not yet ready for occupancy. It is a beautiful building, and one is saddened to see it so long at a stand-still.

The members of the Convention cannot fail to note with interest the happy result of efforts made to improve and beautify this St. Andrew's Church, Princess Anne, wherein we are now assembled; especially we unite to admire its chancel windows. May I not ask my lay-brethren to observe the arrangements made for ventilation? I hardly know another church in the diocese where one can get a breath of fresh air in the chancel. I wonder sometimes whether architects and builders have not some spite against clergy, and especially against Bishops, in closing up hard and fast every opening in the chancel. In the hot weather of summer when it is comfortable in the body of the church, we of the clergy are almost fainting, sometimes do actually faint for want of air. We see here how easy it is to obtain ventilation for a chancel.

VACANT PARISHES.

Besides those parishes on our list which have had for years but a nominal existence, five parishes are now vacant; viz.: Trinity Parish, Elkton, (in which the Rev. Charles Goodrich, D. D., has been officiating as a temporary supply) and also I. U., St. Clement's, St. Paul's, and Shrewsbury.

It seems strange that our machinery should be crippled and disabled in Kent County, so that four out of the five vacancies of the diocese should be within its limits: a county certainly not less prosperous in things material than those below it in geographical position.

But as some offset I am happy to report that Chester Parish has sprung of late into a new and active life. My visits to this parish have been very gratifying, and I hope the zeal of Chestertown will rouse Kent County into earnest and united efforts to maintain the services of religion.

HOME OF THE FRIENDLESS.

It is to be wished that the members of the Diocese could more generally visit and see for themselves the Home of the Friendless. It is a pleasant and well-ordered Home indeed; a Home and not a

House of Refuge. The children are neat, healthy and happy, and under admirable discipline and instruction. In point of economy, the administration of this institution has been all that one could desire. The matron has discharged her duties with exemplary fidelity.

I regret to notice a falling off in the contributions to the Home, so that but for some previous accumulation there would have been a deficit for the year. The annual report of its affairs will be laid before you and I heartily commend its interests to your attention and care.

DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

Our Diocesan missionary work has been prosecuted with much vigor, and the six missionaries in our employ are such as we all unite to trust and to honor.

Full details of this work will be laid before you in the report of the Board of Missions. I hope the diocese will unite as one man in encouraging the Board to a vigorous prosecution and enlargement of the work confided to them. Thus far the Board has been able to meet its engagements. I do trust that the Diocese will never lay on me the burden, such as is laid on some of our Bishops, of issuing, from time to time stirring Pastorals, pleading the exigency of a financial crisis and a suffering clergy. Let us rather provide systematically and thoughtfully the means required for the work undertaken.

CONVOCATION.

The Convocation system continues to be conducted with spirit and with profit.

Two meetings have failed, one appointed at North-East, by reason of the severe sickness at the time, of Rector, Dean and Bishop; another appointed at Snow Hill was defeated by the impossibility of travel in that region just after the memorable snow storm of March 2nd. The Rev. Mr. Fulton and myself reached Berlin on our way, but were compelled to retrace our steps.

In the Middle Convocation a new feature has been added under the name of "Delegate meetings." Three or four clergymen are deputed to conduct services where they seem to be needed, and unite in presenting and urging the truths with which we have familiarized ourselves at the full meeting of Convocation. I believe there is vast power in this instrumentality.

We are wont in our larger assembly very thoroughly to study, and

exhaustively to present a subject such as that of "Conversion" in all its bearings, or the "Doctrine of the Comforter," or the practical conduct of a "Christian family;" and then we divide into smaller bands, and repeat, three or four taking a part of the subject, the same instruction to people imperfectly taught in Christian knowledge. Can this more thorough indoctrination fail under God's blessing to produce the fruits of a reasonable and earnest piety?

I have very highly valued the less formal services of the Convocation; the meetings of the Clergy, and the few more earnest laymen associated with us for prayer and for conversation about our personal needs and duties as Pastors of the flock. It has seemed to me that the Clergy were at first somewhat dubious of these exercises: but I am now bold enough to hope that they would regret to lay them aside.

On these occasions we have been accustomed to use the chapel Prayers of the late Bishop of Salisbury which seem well adapted for our special purpose. Persons not unfrequently express a desire to possess them, but they are not to be had in this country. Mrs. Hamilton, the widow of the Bishop, has kindly given me permission to re-publish them with the changes necessary for use in America, and I should be glad to provide for the publication of a small edition.

In this connection I could mention the gratification afforded by opportunities at Convocation and other gatherings of intercommunion with my brethren of other dioceses. Thus I assisted the Bishop of New York and preached the sermon at his Ordination in July last. I have also assisted the Bishop of Maryland at the re-opening of St. Barnabas' Church, Baltimore, and taken part with the Bishop of Albany at his visitation in Troy. I have also assisted the Bishop of Delaware at the consecration of the new St. Anne's in Middletown, and preached the sermon at his Confirmation the same day. My line of travel lies often in Delaware, and I acknowledge with thanks many acts of hospitality on the part of the clergy and people.

The Bishop of Montana delivered an address at the laying of the corner-stone in Port Deposit; the Bishop of Delaware very kindly preached the convocation sermon at our meeting in Elkton: and the Assistant Bishop of Maryland has to-day not only gladdened us by his welcome presence, but stirred all our hearts by his noble exhortation to contend for the faith delivered once for all, and by his words of genial brotherhood and sacred recollections. I could

desire no wiser counsels to be addressed to you, than those which you have heard in the Convention sermon.

The Secretaries for Domestic and Foreign Missions, the Rev. Dr. Twing and the Rev. Mr. Hare, have each attended one of our Conventions and added much to the interest of the services; while several other clerical friends, all of whom I cannot name, have attended on like occasions and lent us valuable assistance.

Such Christian fellowship is very useful: it enlarges our sympathies, it rubs off the rough edges of crude opinions, it leaves ever behind something to think about. Our people will always extend a cordial welcome to earnest co-workers who come from abroad to join us in prayers and in holy consultation.

CLERICAL SUPPORT.

The recommendations of the Lay-committee of our last Convention, in the matter of the support of the clergy, have been useful in drawing attention to the subject, and in inducing some parishes to try the expedient suggested by them. I have reason to believe that salaries have been somewhat more punctually paid than heretofore. It may be well to renew the discussion, and by comparison of experiences to ascertain what is the best means of ensuring a living to our faithful clergy.

OFFICIAL NOTICES.

I have given my official consent to the consecration of two Bishops, viz.:

The Rt. Rev. William B. W. Howe, D. D., Assistant Bishop of South Carolina (since become the Diocesan) and the Rt. Rev. Mark A. D. W. Howe, D. D., Bishop of Central Pennsylvania.

I have also received notices of Deposition from the sacred ministry, as follows:

Francis Dillon Fagan, Presbyter, by the Bishop of California; John M. Mitchell, Presbyter, by the Bishop of Georgia; Josiah F. Curtis, Presbyter, by the Bishop of Kentucky; A. A. Curtis, Presbyter, by the Bishop of Maryland; William Phelps, Presbyter, and A. Yeater, Deacon, by the Bishop of Missouri; George E. Thrall, Presbyter, and Mason Gallagher, Presbyter, by the Bishop of New York; Peter Quick Wilson, by the Bishop of Pennsylvania; Ezekiel H. Sayres, Presbyter, William H. Milburn, Presbyter, and Henry Newman Wright, Deacon, by the Bishop of Vermont.

Brethren, this is a mournful catalogue: eleven men fallen from

our ranks, betrayed by the charm of a pretended infallibility or by the seductions of an overweening private judgment which revolts against authority; or else seduced for lack of prayer and watchfulness into offences against the moral law.

Of such men I cannot speak otherwise than in words of sorrow and of pity. In this list I find, and many of the clergy here to-day will recognize, the names of some very dear to memory; brethren of whose devotedness we had no doubt, and in whose labors we rejoiced; men, in all outward appearance as much entitled as any of us to the confidence and high esteem of the Church; comrades in years gone by to whom we cheerfully yielded precedence.

These are lost to the Church; either sitting with blinded eyes and stifled conscience at the feet of a spiritual despotism, or wandering creedless through a wilderness of unbeliefs, or else hiding their heads in solitude and uttering the lamentation, "they made me keeper of the vineyards, and mine own vineyard have I not kept."

These things, Brethren of the clergy, make me tremble for myself and tremble for you. They seem to re-echo the warning, "take heed to thyself and to the doctrine." Oh! how sad, if any one of us, after being the instrument of saving others, should himself be lost!

SUMMARY.

The general summary of official acts is as follows:

Persons confirmed	147
Ordination to Diaconate	1
Ordination to Priesthood	1
Corner-stone laid	1
Church consecrated	1
Holy Eucharist consecrated, times	50
Clergy received into the diocese	5
Clergy transferred to other dioceses	4

In conclusion, Brethren beloved in the Lord, I return to the vital questions, how is the work of GOD prospering in our hands, and how shall we best promote its progress?

On a former occasion I attempted to find a warning for ourselves in the mistakes made by the men of the world. Nothing impressed me more when I came to this diocese than the serious error committed in building so many local railroads, lending each other no assistance; whereas by a more generous and comprehensive policy

we might have had a system of improvements complete and self-sustaining. And I have perhaps wearied you by my persuasions that we lend our best endeavors to build up the DIOCESE OF EASTON, *as such*, and that the narrow policy which regards the present prosperity of the parish or congregation alone, will surely defeat itself. In these views many of you concur, and there is good reason to think that the "*disjecta membra*" of the Church on the Eastern Shore are being more and more drawn to each other, and being compacted together in the living and loving body of a diocese.

And may we not learn a lesson of instruction also from the worldly wisdom of our friends and neighbors?

How is it with the agriculture of the country? The old-fashioned farms of many hundreds of acres have become obsolete or unprofitable. The routine system of a careless husbandry soon leaves a man without lands or home. The marked character of successful industry all around us, is concentration of effort on a smaller surface: improvement of the soil by intelligent culture, by drainage and fertilizers: the attempt, instead of producing indifferent fruits and vegetables, to make the very best of every tree and plant that occupies the soil.

There was a time when Bishop Stone, while yet a Presbyter, mounted on his black horse, could sustain the services of the Church in a county or two, while on a Communion Sunday the road was filled with vehicles and the river white with sails, as the congregation collected from many miles around. But now there are in every village, at almost every cross-roads, several places of worship. People are scarcely willing to go a mile to Church, and congregations are comparatively small.

Does there not seem in this a providential intimation that we shall make our work more thorough and seek to compensate for our limited area of operation by increasing its productiveness? Nay, if we could make a wilderness to blossom is not the presence of one lovely and fruitful garden spot in its midst a sure means to that end?

I am often told that if the churchmen of this diocese had been in position to avail themselves of the disquiet and unrest which prevailed a few years since, when the leading religious denomination on this shore was being divided, and men were considering which of the three rival households of the Methodist family suited them best, large numbers might have been added to our communion; and certainly we should be glad to welcome, we shall always be glad to welcome,

into our midst any good man content to worship and work with us who holds the substantial faith of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

But if such a multitude had been added, seeking merely a haven of rest after political discord, with no enthusiastic love for the ancient things of the Anglican Church, such a dilution of churchly belief and practice would have been attended with evident evils. I covet much more for the diocese that solid growth which will be hers, as men shall come, not in shoals indeed, but in steadily increasing numbers, won by her unobtrusive zeal, her quiet dignity, her skill in guarding the lambs of CHRIST, her power to guide and comfort saints through the exercise of the pastoral function.

To ensure this thorough culture it needs that we of the clergy should faithfully carry out the system of the Prayer-Book and the vows bound upon us when we were priested.

Thus we should watch over every baptized child in our cures, using lay-help, but not allowing it to supersede our office: striving that the religious life of the children committed to us shall not, as is so often the case, receive a check or a shock just as its blossoms are opening, but shall rather progress evenly and uninterruptedly from the cradle to the grave.

What new life will be in us when besides holding right notions about Baptism, we begin bravely to assault the common notion that "one cannot be a child of God until a period more or less extended of folly and unholiness has intervened between Baptism and the experience of the Spirit's power"—when we shall give no quarter to that practical theology of this age, "which is giving to the Church a generation of baptized children with unbaptized hearts," "baptized under one system and educated under another."*

Thorough parochial culture implies personal effort for individual souls. It is vain to urge that the task is delicate and difficult. As stewards we are required to do this thing: we must do it as prudently and courteously as we can, but at any rate WE MUST DO IT; we must make a tender of that mercy which is in CHRIST not merely to the collected flock, but to individuals as well. If we would render our account with joy and not with grief, none must have it in his power to say, "the Ambassador of mercy never addressed a word to my individual conscience."

I own that the task is difficult. If it will encourage any I will frankly confess that in my own early ministry in a country parish,

* I borrow the striking words quoted in this paragraph from the address of the Bishop of Louisiana to his Convention in April, 1872.

when under stress of conscience I have gone to a man's house resolved to speak to him about his religious welfare, I have halted outside the gate and had need to summon up all my moral courage for the effort. But I must add that seldom or never have I met a repulse, and that those who have loved me best through long years, are the people whom I thus approached with an anxious heart and with a few stammering words of Christian counsel.

Thorough work implies careful sermons; not abstract essays nor declamatory appeals, but well studied, thoughtful, earnest exhibitions of evangelical truth. The seed is the word. It is by manifestation of the truth as it is in Jesus that we shall build men up in the life of faith. To these items I might add as greatly to be desired more frequent celebrations of the Holy Communion, (weekly it ought to be everywhere in Lent, and weekly all the year round in towns and villages) and a more earnest pressure upon our people to come up to the House of God for week-day prayers.

There are indications among the laity of a nobler conception of the privileges and of the duties of the children of God. I trust they will more and more rally at our call, and not leave their officers unsupported in the conflict.

May the Holy Spirit of the Living God assist you in your present deliberations, and may the good hand of the LORD our God be upon us, while in weakness and self-distrust we seek to build up His Kingdom upon earth.

The Rev. Mr. Dashiell presented a petition from certain members of St. Michael's Parish, Talbot Co., praying for leave to organize a new Parish, within the limits of the said Parish, which on his motion was referred to the Committee on Admission of New Parishes.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Wilson, it was

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to the relief of superannuated Clergymen and the families of deceased Clergymen, be referred to a special Committee.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Barber, it was

Resolved, That Canon XXI be referred to the Committee on Canons for reconsideration.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Stearns, it was

Resolved, That the election of the Standing Committee and other officers of

the Diocese, elected annually, be made the order of the day, to-morrow, at 11 A. M.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Wilson, it was

Resolved, That the Reports of the Diocesan Missions' Committee, and of the Trustees of the Home of the Friendless, be made the order of the day, to-morrow evening, at 7½ o'clock.

The Rev. Mr. Billopp offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to print the Clergy list in the Journal, in alphabetical order, in place of the present order.

The resolution was lost.

The Rev. Mr. Stearns called up for ratification, the following resolution, adopted at the last Convention:

Resolved, That the word "Wednesday" in the second article of the Constitution, be stricken out, and the word "Tuesday" be inserted in its place, and called for a vote by orders.

The President decided that the vote by orders should be taken by the appointment of Tellers, unless the ayes and nays were ordered.

The Rev. Mr. Stearns appealed from the decision of the chair, on the ground that the call of a vote by orders, involved the call of the ayes and nays.

On taking the vote, the decision of the chair was sustained.

The President appointed the Rev. Mr. Fitzhugh and Mr. W. S. Walker, Tellers.

The Tellers reported, of the Clergy, ayes 2; nays 10. Of the Laity, ayes 7; nays 9.

The President declared the proposed amendment to be lost.

On motion, the Convention adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING, *June 6th*, 1872.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Messrs. Mitchell and Billopp.

The Convention was called to order by the President. The roll called, and the Rev. Messrs. Beaven and Martin, and Messrs.

Coudon, Dennis, and Physick appeared, in addition to the members present yesterday. The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and on motion approved. The chair announced the following Committee, on relief of disabled and infirm Clergymen, and the families of deceased Clergymen:

Rev. Mr. Wilson, Rev. Mr. Barton, Rev. Mr. Martin, Mr. R. C. Mackall, Mr. L. Woolford.

Mr. R. B. Carmichael presented the Report of the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, which on motion of the Rev. Mr. Crosdale, was referred to the Committee on the Episcopal Fund and made the order of the day at 4 P. M.

The Rev. Mr. Barber, from the Committee on Canons, made the following report:

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the two propositions for the amendment of Canon XXI, respectfully report, by recommending the passage of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That Sec. VIII, Canon XXI, be amended by striking out from the last clause the word, "lay."

2. *Resolved*, That Sec. IX, Canon XXI, be amended so as to read: "The Convocations shall meet, unless otherwise specially ordered, thrice a year; and at the Annual Convention of the Diocese, the Deans with the concurrence of the Bishop, shall determine the places and times of meeting for the ensuing year that they may be announced in the Journal of the Convention; provided that, if occasion require, the Dean, with the approval of the Bishop, may subsequently change such time and place."

On motion, the resolutions accompanying the report were adopted.

The report of Mr. Thos. Hughlett, Treas. of the Convention, was presented, and on motion, referred to the Committee on accounts.

11 A. M. The hour having arrived for the election of the Standing Committee and other officers of the Diocese, the Convention proceeded to the election. On motion of the Rev. Mr. Wattson the ballot was dispensed with and the present Standing Committee consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Crosdale, Barber, Barton, Dashiell, and Wilson, was re-elected.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Barber, Mr. Thos. Hughlett was re-elected Treas. of the Convention, the ballot being dispensed with.

The following nominations for Trustees of the Episcopal Fund were then made: Messrs. R. B. Carmichael, G. R. Goldsborough, W. S. Walker, H. H. Dashiell, Charles Lowndes, E. L. F. Hardcastle, G. B. Westcott, J. L. Adkins.

The chair appointed the Rev. Mr. Fitzhugh and Mr. Pennington, Tellers.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Stearns, it was referred to the Committee on Canons, to consider the expediency of amending Canon XX.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Wilson, the Convention proceeded to elect a Board of Managers and a Council of Advice for the Home of the Friendless and Orphan Children of the Eastern Shore. (See list in Appendix.)

On the nomination of the Rev. Mr. Barton, Mr. J. L. Adkins, M. D., and Mr. Jos. E. M. Chamberlaine, M. D., were elected members of the Diocesan Missions Committee.

On the nomination of the Rev. Mr. Barton, the Rev. Mr. Barber was elected Registrar of the Diocese.

On the nomination of the Rev. Mr. Stearns, the Rev. Messrs. Wattson, Smith and Mitchell were elected members of the Ecclesiastical Court.

The Rev. Mr. Billopp offered the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, it is highly desirable that the Vestry Law of this Diocese should be better understood and that elections of the Vestries of the different parishes should be more in conformity with its requirements, therefore,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to examine the subject and report to the next Convention, what said Law really is.

The resolution was adopted, and the Chair appointed as such Committee, the Rev. Messrs. Dashiell and Stearns, Messrs. Carmichael, Rider and Henry.

On motion of Mr. Wm. S. Walker it was

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention meet at Chestertown.

The Rev. Mr. Wattson, from the Committee on Admission of New Parishes, presented the following report:

WHEREAS, a Petition has been presented to the Convention of the Diocese of Easton from certain persons residing within the limits of St. Michael's Parish, of said Diocese, for leave to organize a new Parish within the bounds of said St. Michael's Parish, to be known as All Saints' Parish, and there appearing to your Committee no valid objection to granting said leave, therefore be it

Resolved, That leave be granted to said Petitioners and others interested to organize said All Saints' Parish, with metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at a point of land on the east side of Miles River, lying west of the residence of the late Mrs. Rogers, commonly known as Perry Hall—and running East up to the said residence, and thence east south-east out of the lane leading to the said residence, crossing the County road leading from Easton to St. Michael's, continuing east south-east in the road which leads to the estate of Col. Bartlett, commonly known as "Woodland"—continuing east south-east to Tread Avon River, up the said River to its Fork, thence up the West Fork to the steam mill as you enter Easton on the Wye Mills road, up the same stream to its head, thence north-east until you strike King's Creek at Woodenhawks Bridge, thence up the said King's Creek to its head near the Methodist Episcopal Chapel in Chapel district, thence north north-west until you strike the head waters of Skipton Creek, down the said Creek to Front Wye River, down the said River to Eastern Bay round the head lands of Miles River Neck to Miles River, up the said River to the point of starting.

On motion, the resolution accompanying the report was adopted.

The tellers appointed to count the vote for Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, reported the following, as duly elected: Messrs. Adkins, Carmichael, Dashiell, Goldsborough, Hardcastle, Lowndes, and Walker.

The Rev. Mr. Barber, Registrar of the Diocese submitted the following report:

The Registrar of the Diocese respectfully reports that he has made some progress in the accumulation of Journals and Documents pertaining to the former Diocese of Maryland and its Parishes. The kind co-operation of the Brethren is earnestly solicited for the increase of this collection. At the close of another twelvemonth it is confidently expected that with this promised aid, a satisfactory result of these important and interesting researches may be announced.

It would greatly assist the Registrar if a small annual appropriation from the Treasury could be obtained, with which to defray the expense of binding the earlier and now very rare Journals.

Respectfully submitted,

THEO. P. BARBER, *Registrar.*

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Crosdale, the sum of \$15. to be paid by the Treasurer of the Convention, was appropriated for the use of the Registrar.

Mr. Massey, from Committee on Accounts, presented the following report on the Treasurer's account:

The Committee on accounts have examined the statement of the Treasurer of the Convention for 1871, and report his receipts to have been \$530 at last Convention, with balance on hand of \$365.21, making \$895.21 for 1871,

of which he had paid \$225.70 for printing Journal, and \$258.26 incidental expenses, leaving a balance on hand of \$411.25 subject to the order of Convention.

C. H. B. MASSEY,
A. J. PENNINGTON.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Wilson it was

Resolved, That the sum of \$250 per annum be appropriated to the payment of the traveling expenses of the Bishop, to be paid by the Treasurer of the Convention, and that it shall be the duty of the Secretary to call the attention of the Treasurer to this resolution.

On motion of Mr. Wm. S. Walker it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the Rev. Jas. L. Bryan, Secretary of this Convention, the sum of \$25, to meet the expense of transcribing and distributing the Journal of the Convention.

Mr. Henry, from the Committee on Parish Boundaries, reported verbally that he had not been able to make any definite arrangement with the Rev. Dr. Ethan Allen, in regard to the purchase of manuscript histories of the different Parishes of this Diocese, and on motion of the Rev. Mr. Billopp, Mr. Henry was empowered to make such arrangement with the Rev. Dr. Allen.

On motion of Mr. Mackall it was

Ordered, that the Treasurer pay the sexton of St. Andrew's Church, \$10.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet at 3 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

In the absence of the Bishop, the Rev. John Crosdale took the chair.

The Rev. T. P. Barber, from the Committee on Canons, presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the amendment to Canon XX, adopted at the last Convention, be, and is hereby repealed; and that the sections of that Canon be restored to their former place.

On motion, the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Henry, from the Committee on Parish Boundaries, submitted the following report:

The Committee appointed to ascertain the bounds of the Parishes in the Diocese respectfully report that after an examination of the Laws and

Records relating to the subject, they find that by reason of the lapse of time, the failure of tradition and the loss of records, it is no longer possible to ascertain the bounds of many of the Parishes: that some of the Parishes are inconveniently large and embrace within their limits, territory which can not be reached by parochial agencies and which should be regarded as properly missionary territory. Under this state of circumstances, as it is lawful for this Convention "to divide or unite parishes as occasion may require, and to alter their bounds, and to constitute new parishes," (Act 1798, chap. 24, sec. 33,) the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That a Committee on Parish bounds, of nine persons, one from each county in the Diocese be appointed to prepare and report to the Convention at its next annual session, an Act defining and adjusting the bounds of the Parishes in the Diocese; and that the said Act, if approved by the Convention, shall be printed, and due publication of it made in each Parish, and then laid over for final action at the Convention of 1874.

2. *Resolved*, That the said Committee shall arrange the Parish bounds to conform as far as practicable with natural boundaries and civil divisions.

3. *Resolved*, That such Parishes as are inconveniently large, be reduced to the limits within which the services of the Church are actually sustained, or may reasonably be expected to be sustained by the parochial organization, and the rest be left as missionary territory, capable of being organized into parishes as the interests of the Church shall require.

4. *Resolved*, That the Committee shall on its appointment, organize immediately, and shall meet to prepare its final report on the day preceding the day of meeting of the next annual Convention.

DAN'L M. HENRY,
R. C. MACKALL,
THOMAS F. J. RIDER.

On motion, the several resolutions recommended by the Committee as above, were adopted, and the Committee appointed as follows:

Rev. John Crosdale, Messrs. Levin Woolford, Wm. Waller, D. M. Henry, Geo. M. Russum. Geo. R. Goldsborough, James T. Earle, Wm. S. Walker, R. C. Mackall.

4 P. M. The order of the day, the report of the Committee on the report of the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, was called, when Mr. Hayward from said Committee, requested an extension of time.

On motion, the time was extended.

The Rev. Mr. Stearns, from the Committee on the state of the Church, made a verbal report and requested permission to make a written one, after the adjournment of Convention, to be bound up with the Journal.

On motion, permission was granted.

Mr. Mackall, from the Committee on so much of the Bishop's address as refers to the relief of Disabled and Infirm Clergy and the families of Deceased Clergymen, submitted the following report.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's address as relates to infirm and disabled clergymen and the families of deceased clergymen, beg leave to report:

That although they have had but little time in which to consider the important matter referred to them, they feel bound to suggest some action to the Convention of a practical character, that another year may not pass, bearing on its wings empty resolutions only. We feel that words written or spoken are utterly inadequate to meet the demands of poverty, as they will neither feed the hungry nor clothe the naked.

Two propositions were brought to the attention of your Committee, both of which are practical and are therefore submitted to the Convention as worthy of its careful consideration.

The first plan is already adopted and working well in the Diocese of Virginia, and is known as the voluntary pledge of \$—— by the subscribers, upon due notice being given that a clergyman has been pronounced by the Bishops infirm or disabled. The money under this plan is promptly forwarded by the subscribers to the Treasurer by whom it is as promptly paid over to the beneficiaries.

The second plan suggested is to assess the communicants of the Diocese the sum of \$—— annually, for the support of the infirm and disabled clergy or the families of deceased clergymen, and make it the duty of every vestry to collect and forward to the treasurer of the Diocese at a stated time in each year said assessment. By this latter plan a fund would accumulate in a few years amply sufficient to meet the demands upon it.

In presenting this second plan to the consideration of the Convention, your Committee beg to say that they cannot doubt either the wisdom or justice of positive and effective legislation upon this subject. The duty of the Church to take care of her servants cannot be questioned. It is as imperative as her duty to preach the Gospel, and we do not hesitate to recommend the authoritative declaration of the Convention that the needs of the clergy and their families must be provided for.

We deem this distinct declaration a matter of simple duty and not sentiment, and we therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That it is the duty of the Diocese of Easton to provide for the wants of her infirm and disabled clergy and for the families of deceased clergymen.

Resolved, That this Convention assess each and every Communicant in the Diocese, \$—— for the purpose indicated in this report and first resolution, and that it shall be the duty of the vestries of the Parishes and Churches within the diocese to collect and forward to the Treasurer of this Convention the several amounts assessed to their respective Communions, on or before Easter Monday in each year, or,

Resolved, That it be and is hereby urged upon the Rectors of the several Parishes to organize relief associations, pledging the subscribers to pay to

the Treasurer of the Convention, the sum of \$2, upon notification by the Bishop that there is need for the same to relieve a suffering brother, or the family of a deceased clergyman.

On motion, the first resolution was adopted. The Rev. Mr. Stearns moved that the second resolution be laid on the table, and that the vote be taken on the third resolution, which motion prevailed.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Stearns the third resolution was adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Fulton it was

Resolved, That the Bishop, in association with the Rev. Theo. P. Barber and the Rev. Robt. Wilson, be requested to digest some plan based upon the foregoing resolution, for the accomplishment of the object contemplated in said resolution, and communicate to the several Rectors as soon as may be.

Mr. Hayward, in the absence of the chairman of the Committee on the report of the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, made a verbal report, and on motion of the Rev. Mr. Hoskins it was ordered that the Committee be permitted to prepare a written report, after the adjournment of Convention, to be bound up with the Journal.

On motion, the Convention adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

Evening prayer was said by the Rev. Messrs. Fulton and Wattson.

The President called the Convention to order.

The order of the day, being the reports of the Diocesan Missions Committee and of the Managers of the Home of the Friendless and Orphan Children of the Eastern Shore, the Rev. Mr. Wilson submitted the report of the Board of Managers of the Home, together with the report of the Treasurer. (See Appendix.)

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Barber it was

Resolved, That the Convention earnestly recommend "The Home of the Friendless" to the sympathy, the liberal offerings and prayers of the Diocese, and that the clerical and lay delegates be requested to bring the subject urgently before the various parishes.

The Rev. Mr. Barber from the Diocesan Missions Committee submitted the annual report. (See Appendix.)

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Wilson it was

Resolved, That in view of the apathy of the Diocese in the payment of subscriptions to the Episcopal Fund, as exhibited by the Report of the Treasurer, and of the prime and urgent importance of the matter, the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be requested to confer with the clergy, with a view to securing their services in visiting the various delinquent Parishes, to present the subject and endeavor to arouse a more active interest in it.

On motion of Mr. Mackall it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are due and hereby heartily tendered to the citizens of Princess Anne for their noble hospitality, and to the Rector and Vestry of this Parish for the use of their Church and for their considerate attention to the convenience and comfort of its members.

Resolved, That this Convention tenders its sincere thanks to the Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Rail Road, and the Eastern Shore Road, for their liberality to, and the facilities afforded its members, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the proper officers of the same.

Mr. Haddaway, from the Committee on Parochial Contributions submitted their report. (See Appendix.)

The Bishop announced the following Board of Examiners in Theology: Rev. E. J. Stearns, Rev. Theo. P. Barber, Rev. John Wade Nott.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Fulton it was ordered that 500 copies of the Journal be printed.

The Rev. Mr. Crosdale moved that after reading the minutes and after appropriate religious services, the Convention adjourn *sine die*, which motion prevailed.

The minutes were read and approved. The members of the Convention united in singing a hymn, proper collects and prayer were said by the Bishop, and after the benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

HENRY C. LAY, *President*.

Attest:

JAS. L. BRYAN, *Secretary*.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

CAROLINE COUNTY.

ST. JOHN'S PARISH.

S. H. W. Mansfield, *Warden*. J. B. Bishop, Dr. G. W. Goldsborough, T. F. Barton, J. P. Manlove, Dr. P. S. Reynolds, John H. Holt, E. M. Bonwill, J. A. Thompson, *Vestrymen*.

Baptisms, adult, 2; infant, 11; total, 13; Confirmations, 5; Marriages, 3; Burials, 8; Catechisings, 4; Holy Communion administered, 13.

Communicants, added, 6; removed, 8; present number, 40.

Sunday School teachers, 9; Scholars, 65; Estimated number of Families, 25; Estimated number of Individuals, 150; Number of sittings in Church and Chapels, 300. Money Receipts from all sources, whether Pew Rents, subscriptions, Offertory, Collection in Church, Alms privately bestowed in money within the knowledge of the Rector, but *not including* income from Glebe or endowment, \$267.15. Money actually paid for all purposes, viz: Parochial Expenditures, including Current Expenses, Salaries of every sort Repairs and the like, \$114.22. Parochial Improvements and Purchases, \$71.08. Alms and Charities within the Parish, \$4. Paid to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions, \$18.85. Sent for Domestic Missions, \$20.84. Miscellaneous, \$5. Total amount given in the Parish, \$114.22.

It must be mentioned that the wife of the Rector received from the parishioners a fine Keystone Sewing Machine as mainly their generous donation.

GEO. F. BEAVEN, *Rector*.

CAROLINE AND DORCHESTER COUNTIES.

ST. MARY'S WHITECHAPEL PARISH.

Henry Myers and George Mitchell Russum, *Wardens*. Philip W. Downes, Geo. M. Russum, Wm. G. Horsey, Chas. Stevens, Jas. B. Steele, Robt. A. Nichols, Henry Myers, (vacancy) *Vestrymen*.

Baptisms, Infant, 7; Confirmations, 5; Burials, 1; Catechisings, 9; Holy Communion administered, 13.

Communicants added, 5; present number, 14.

Sunday School Teachers, 7; Scholars, 28; Estimated number of Families, 13; Estimated number of Individuals, 49; Number of sittings in Church, 106. Money Receipts from all sources, whether Pew Rents, Subscriptions, Offer-tory, Collection in Church, Alms privately bestowed in money within the knowledge of the Rector, but *not including* income from Glebe or Endow-ment, \$530.61. Money actually paid for all purposes, viz: Parochial Expend-itures, including Current Expenses, Salaries of every sort, Repairs and the like (Rent of Hall \$75), \$350.87. Paid to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions, \$9.56. Sent for Domestic Missions, \$2.54. Sent for Foreign Missions \$2.53. Other objects, viz: Small Paten and Chalice (solid silver) \$38. Estey Organ, \$80. Chicago, \$11.08. Miscellaneous, (including Sunday School Library) \$29.34. On hand for Sunday School, \$6.74. Total amount given in the Parish, \$530.61.

St. Mary's Whitechapel is one of the oldest parishes in the diocese, having been incorporated by the Colonial Legislature in 1735; but, after the Revolution, it was suffered to go to decay. At the time that the undersigned, at the request of the Vestry and of the Bishop, took charge of it, it had been vacant (so far as can be ascertained, in the absence of Records) more than three quarters of a century. Of the old Parish Church (situated on the Dorchester County side of the road that divides that county from Caroline) not one brick remains upon another, and even the tombstones have been taken for pavements, and in one instance (it is said) for a grindstone! At present, the congregation is worshipping in its own hired hall, which has been fitted up in a church-like manner, and is used exclusively for Church purposes. It is hoped that before long "an house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the Lord" may be built. Meanwhile we are striving to build the spiritual temple, to the honor of God, and the salvation of men. A serious inroad has been made on our little band by the removal of the family of Dr. McLean (at whose instance it was that the undertaking to revive the Parish was entered on) and by the death of Dr. C. E. Tarr, who was one of the few who could be depended on for sustaining the work. May the "Holy Ghost the Comforter" move others, who are yet hesitating, to step in, and close up the ranks. Meanwhile, we shall need the full measure of aid that we have been hitherto receiving from the Missionary Offerings of the Diocese. We are indebted to Dr. McLean for the parting gift of a small bell; may its summons to the House of Prayer not fall on reluctant ears.

Denton.

EDWARD J. STEARNS, *Rector.*

CECIL COUNTY.

TRINITY PARISH.

Dr. R. C. Mackall and Mr. Ward Henderson, *Wardens*. Capt. M. Pearce, John Partridge, Baldwin L. Roberts, Geo. W. Cruikshank, R. G. Reese, W. Ward Henderson, Dr. Mackall, *Vestrymen*.

Parochial Reports.

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Baptisms, Adult, 1; Infant, 3; Total, 4; Confirmations, 5; Marriages, 1; Burials, 1.

Communicants, added, 6; removed, 4; present number, 76.

Sunday School Teachers, 10; Scholars, 80; Estimated number of Families, 26; Number of sittings in Church and Chapels, 200. Money Receipts from all sources, whether Pew Rents, Subscriptions, Offertory, Collection in Church, Alms privately bestowed in money within the knowledge of the Rector, but *not including* income from Glebe or Endowment, \$1000. Money actually paid for all purposes, viz: Paid to the Treasurer of the Convention, \$20; Paid to the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, \$164.10; Sent for Domestic Missions, \$25.71; Sent for Foreign Missions, \$40.

CHAS. GOODRICH, *Officiating*.

NORTH SASSAFRAS PARISH.

David P. Davis and J. C. Cruikshank, *Wardens*. Samuel Ewins, Edward S. Jones, Thos. V. Ward, James S. Veasey, J. Pennington, B. B. Price, Geo. Biddle, William Knight, *Vestrymen*.

Baptisms, 7; Marriages, 7; Burials, 5; Catechisings, occasional; Holy Communion administered, monthly.

Communicants, added, 3; removed, 2; present number, 37; Estimated number of Families, 21; Estimated number of individuals, 78; Number of sittings in Church and Chapels, 150. Money Receipts from all sources, whether Pew Rents, Subscriptions, Offertory, Collection in Church, Alms privately bestowed in money within the knowledge of the Rector, but *not including* income from Glebe or Endowment, \$———. Money actually paid for all purposes, viz: Parochial Expenditures, including Current Expenses, Salaries of every sort, Repairs and the like, \$1500. Alms and Charities within the Parish, \$50. Paid to Treasurer of the Convention, \$30. Paid to Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, \$668. Paid to Diocesan Missions, \$100. Sent for Domestic Missions, \$10. Relief of Widows and Orphans of Clergy and for Infirm Clergymen, \$25. Other objects, viz: Occasional charities, \$10. Destitute Churches, \$5. Miscellaneous, Book Wagon, \$20. Total amount given in the Parish, \$2418.

The Vestry of St. Stephen's have recently adopted certain measures, looking towards the building of a new Church. Efforts are also being made to erect a Chapel in Cecilton.

THOS. F. BILLOPP, *Rector*.

ST. MARY ANNE PARISH.

Sam'l B. Chamberlain and Geo. Chandler, *Wardens*. Joseph Coudon, Henry S. Coudon, S. B. Chamberlain, Jno. Maulden, Geo. C. Whittaker, Jos. G. Johnson, S. Chandler, Wm. Simcoe, *Vestrymen*.

Baptisms, Infant, 13; Confirmations, 8; Burials, 1; Holy Communion administered, 24.

Communicants added, 9; removed, 2; died, 1; present number, 40.

Sunday School Teachers, 8; Scholars, 80; Estimated number of Families,

42; Estimated number of Individuals, 175; Number of sittings in Church and Chapels, 350. Money Receipts from all sources, but *not including* income from Glebe or endowment, \$——. Money actually paid for all purposes viz: Parochial Expenditures, including Current Expenses, Salaries of every sort, Repairs and the like, \$800. Parochial Improvements and Purchases, \$300. Alms and Charities within the Parish, \$15. Paid to the Treasurer of the Convention, \$35. Paid to the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, \$——. Paid to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions, \$10. Sent for Domestic Missions, \$16. Other objects, viz: Sunday School, \$100; Miscellaneous, \$274.

Communicants are reported according to a corrected list called for by territorial changes.

The financial items are necessarily imperfect. They include individual expenditures of which no record has been kept.

L. S. RUSSELL, *Rector*.

ST. JAMES CHURCH.

Robt. H. Hamilton and Jno. M. Bullock, *Wardens*. Jos. B. Pugh, Emory McClennahan, Dixon West, Washington Davis, John Beavan, John Price, Henry L. Physick, Thos. Armstrong, *Vestrymen*.

Baptisms, adult, 2; infant, 19; total, 21; Confirmations, 21; Burials, 11; Catechisings, monthly; Holy Communion administered, 9.

Communicants added, 22; removed, 5; died, 1; present number, 44.

Sunday School Teachers, 10; Scholars, 70; One adult Bible Class taught by Rector, Scholars, 12; Estimated number of Families, 50; Estimated number of Individuals, 180; Number of sittings in Church, 230. Money Receipts from all sources, whether Pew Rents, Subscriptions, Offer-tory, Collection in Church, Alms privately bestowed in money within the knowledge of the Rector, but *not including* income from Glebe or Endowment, \$1034.25. Money actually paid for all purposes, viz: Alms and charities within the Parish, \$30. Paid to the Treasurer of the Convention, \$10. Paid to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions, \$25. For Infirm Clergymen, \$3. Other objects, viz: Chicago relief fund, \$20.80. Young Christian Soldier, for general distribution and Sunday School Book, \$40.28. Miscellaneous, \$23. Total amount given in the Parish, \$157.08.

Since my last report a new and handsome Church has been erected in Port Deposit. It was first opened for Divine Service first Sunday after Easter. The whole cost of the edifice including lot and furniture, was about eight thousand dollars. The plan of the building, which is much admired, was furnished by Niernsee & Neilson, Balto., and the work promptly and admirably executed by West & Vannort, Builders, of this town. Already a good congregation assembles regularly for Divine service. The Sunday School is flourishing. A Bible class for young men, taught by the Rector, meets every Sunday afternoon, and affords much encouragement. The weekly services are well attended. Part of the minister's time is given to a mission service, held at two points, distant from the town about five miles.

Port Deposit.

JOHN MARTIN, *Rector*.

DORCHESTER COUNTY.

DORCHESTER PARISH.

Thos. H. Keene of L. and John E. Graham, *Wardens*. Jeremiah L. Pattison, Sam'l M. Travers, Elijah Tall, Thos. K. Carroll, Sr., Thos. K. Carroll, Jr., Wm. W. Mace, Geo. W. Jefferson, *Vestrymen*.

Baptisms, Infant 1; Holy Communion administered, 2.

Communicants, present number, 12; Estimated number of Families, 30; Estimated number of Individuals, 100; Number of sittings in Church and Chapels, 250. Money Receipts from all sources, whether Pew Rents, Subscriptions, Offertory, Collection in Church, Alms privately bestowed in money within the knowledge of the Rector, but *not including* income from Glebe or Endowment, \$57.10. Money actually paid for all purposes, viz: Parochial Expenditures, including Current Expenses, Salaries of every sort, Repairs and the like, \$47.50. Paid to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions by Bishop Lay, \$9.60. Total, \$57.10.

JAS. L. BRYAN, *Minister in charge*.

EAST NEW MARKET PARISH.

Dr. James T. Jacobs and Elbridge Johnson, *Wardens*. Dr. J. Phillips, Jarvis Eddie, James Murphy, W. E. Harrison, K. M. Jacobs, J. H. Wright T. B. Sherman, *Vestrymen*.

Baptisms, adult, 2; infant, 10; total, 12; Confirmations, 3; Burials, 1; Catechisings, monthly; Holy Communion administered, monthly, and the four great festivals.

Communicants, added, 4; removed, 1; died, 1; present number, 30.

Sunday School Teachers, 4; Scholars, 20; Estimated number of Families, 20; Estimated number of Individuals, 60 to 75; Number of sittings in Church, 100. Money Receipts from all sources, whether Pew Rents, Subscriptions, Offertory, Collection in Church, Alms privately bestowed in money within the knowledge of the Rector, but *not including* income from Glebe or Endowment, \$200. Money actually paid for all purposes viz: Parochial Expenditures, including Current Expenses, Salaries of every sort, Repairs and the like, \$185. Paid to the Treasurer of the Convention, \$5. Paid to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions, \$5. Relief of Widows and Orphans of Clergy and for Infirm Clergymen, \$5. Total amount given in the Parish, \$200.

This report is for the past six months.

JAMES W. HOSKINS, *Rector*.

GREAT CHOPTANK PARISH.

Rev. James L. Bryan, *Assistant Minister*.

Wm. R. Hayward and Dan'l M. Henry, *Wardens*. Alex. H. Bayly, Wm. R. Hayward, Dan'l M. Henry, Chas. F. Goldsborough, Rider Henry, Thos. H. Handy, Chas. H. Chubb, *Vestrymen*.

Diocesan Convention of Easton.

Baptisms, Adult, 1; Infant, 16; Total, 17; Confirmations, 22; Marriages 3; Burials, 6; Catechisings, 12; Holy Communion administered 23 times.

Communicants added, 22; removed, 12; present number, 166.

Sunday School Teachers, 20; Scholars, 98; Estimated number of Families, 70; Estimated number of Individuals, 360; Number of sittings in Church and Chapels, 400. Money Receipts from all sources, whether Pew Rents, Subscriptions, Offertory, Collection in Church, Alms privately bestowed in money within the knowledge of the Rector, but *not including* income from Glebe or Endowment, \$2038.63. Money actually paid for all purposes, viz: Parochial Expenditures, including Current Expenses, Salaries of every sort, Repairs and the like, \$1133; For payment of Church debt, \$135; Alms and Charities within the Parish, \$150; Paid to the Treasurer of the Convention \$25; Paid to the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, \$202; Paid to the Treasurer of Home of the Friendless, \$25; Paid to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions, \$143; Sent for Domestic Missions, \$38.07; Sent for Foreign Missions \$10; Relief of Widows and Orphans of Clergy and for Infirm Clergymen \$24; Other objects, viz: Home Missions to Colored People, \$8; For Chicago Sufferers, \$34.96; Miscellaneous, \$60; Total amount given in the Parish, \$2038.63.

The valuable aid of the Assistant Minister in the services of the Church is gratefully recognised by the Rector and Congregation.

THEO. P. BARBER, *Rector.*

VIENNA PARISH.

William S. Craft and James A. Higgins, *Wardens.* D. Waddell, Algernon S. Percy, John Webb, Albert Webb, J. Robertson, T. H. Webb, *Vestrymen.* Catechisings, monthly; Holy Communion administered monthly.

Communicants, added, 1; present number, 15.

Sunday School Teachers, 4; Scholars, 15; Estimated number of Families, 15; Estimated number of Individuals, 60 to 75; Number of sittings in Church, 125. Money Receipts from all sources, whether Pew Rents, Subscriptions Offertory, Collection in Church, Alms privately bestowed in money within the knowledge of the Rector, but *not including* income from Glebe or Endowment, \$100. Money actually paid for all purposes, viz: Parochial Expenditures, including Current Expenses, Salaries of every sort, Repairs and the like, \$100; Paid to the Treasurer of the Convention, \$5; Paid to the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missions, \$3.05.

This report is for the past six months.

JAMES W. HOSKINS, *Rector.*

KENT COUNTY.

CHESTER PARISH.

N. G. Westcott and T. S. Wickes, *Wardens.* J. A. Pearce, W. H. Meteer, J. A. Wickes, S. J. Comegys, George B. Westcott, W. S. Walker, W. N. E. Wickes, *Vestrymen.*

Baptisms, Infant, 6; Confirmations, 4; Marriages, 2; Burials, 4; Catechising, weekly; Holy Communion administered 9 times.

Communicants added, 17; removed, 2; died, 1; present number, 73.

Sunday School Teachers, 12; Scholars, 73; Estimated number of families 53; Estimated number of Individuals, 208; Number of sittings in Church and Chapels, 290. Money Receipts from all sources, whether Pew Rents, Subscriptions, Offertory, Collection in Church, Alms privately bestowed in money within the knowledge of the Rector, but *not including* income from Glebe or Endowment, \$1761.76. Money actually paid for all purposes, viz Parochial Expenditures, including Current Expenses, Salaries of every sort, Repairs and the like, \$1451; Parochial Improvements and Purchases, \$540; Paid to the Treasurer of the Convention, \$30; Paid to the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, \$239.65; Paid to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions, \$191.50; Sent for Foreign Missions, \$20; Total amount given in the Parish, \$2472.15.

I entered upon my duties as Rector of this Parish, December 20th, 1871 and all official acts, date from that time.

STEPHEN C. ROBERTS, *Rector.*

ST. PAUL'S PARISH.

George Beil and Charles Ricaud, *Wardens.* G. D. S. Handy, J. Ringold, T. Hulme, James Rankin, Horace Beck, T. Ringold, Capt. Hynson, G. T. Holyday, *Vestrymen.*

Baptisms, Adult, 3; Infant, 8; Total, 11; Marriages, 2; Burials, 3; Holy Communion administered first Sunday in month and greater festivals.

Communicants, present number, 28; Estimated number of Families, 38 Estimated number of Individuals 95; Number of sittings in Church and Chapels 200. Money Receipts from all sources, whether Pew Rents, Subscriptions, Offertory, Collection in Church, Alms privately bestowed in money within the knowledge of the Rector, but *not including* income from Glebe or Endowment, \$900. Money actually paid for all purposes, viz: Parochial Expenditures, including Current Expenses, Salaries of every sort, Repairs and the like, Charities, &c., \$900.

Perrymansville, P. O., Harford Co.

E. G. PERRYMAN, *Rector.*

CHRIST CHURCH I. U. PARISH.

Rev. Elward G. Perryman, *Rector:* seven months' service.

Samuel Proseberry and John Bell, *Wardens.* A. Bell, Wm. S. Thompson, Dr. Worrell, Dr. Beck, J. Hossinger, Luther Handy, E. B. Pennington, S. H. Blackiston, *Vestrymen.*

Baptisms, Infant, 1; Holy Communion administered 7 times.

Estimated number of Families, 21; Number of sittings in Church and Chapels, 150 to 200. Money Receipts from all sources, whether Pew Rents, Subscriptions, Offertory, Collection in Church, Alms privately bestowed in money within the knowledge of the Rector, but *not including* income from Glebe or Endowment, \$199.57; Money actually paid for all purposes, viz Parochial Expenditures, including Current Expenses, Salaries of every sort, Repairs and the like, \$173.28.

Diocesan Convention of Easton.

Rev. Mr. Perryman resigned his Rectorship at I. U., January 1st, 1872. Since then we have had no service except during a visit from the Bishop, in February. Mr. Perryman served from first of June until January.

SEWELL HEPBRON, *Registrar.*

SHREWSBURY PARISH.

Rectorship vacant.

Robert E. Wallis and John R. Lusby, *Wardens.* Thos. C. Kennard, Wm. B. Wilmer, J. M. Armstrong, Thomas N. Tayman, Wm. Welch, James Spencer, James W. Hunt, Wm. Janvier, *Vestrymen.*

Parochial Expenses, \$850; Repairs and Improvements, \$350.

The above items are furnished by a Vestryman, in a letter to the Bishop.

Record for Shrewsbury Parish from June 7th, 1871, to December 1st, 1871.

Baptisms, 1; Catechisings openly in Church every Sunday; Communicants lost by removal, 10; added, 1; present number, 65; Burial, 1; Sunday School Teachers, 4; Scholars, about 60; Communion Alms, \$13.58; From mite chests, \$13.59; Total, \$27.17.

This is exclusive of Salary and expenses for Repairs.

Appropriated within Parish, \$13.58; For Domestic Missions, \$13.59; Total appropriation \$27.17.

P. DU GUÉ TRAPIER, *for*

Rev. P. TRAPIER.

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY.

CHRIST CHURCH PARISH.

John C. Ninde and Sam'l Thompson, M. D., *Wardens.* A. W. Thompson, C. E. Tolson, John H. Price, W. E. G. Newnam, Wm. B. Goodhand, Alfred Price, J. Bateman Hopkins, Edward C. Legg, *Vestrymen.*

Baptisms, Infant, 8; Confirmations, 1; Marriages, 1; Burials, 3; Catechisings, once a month; Communicants, added, 6; removed, 5; present number, 25; Sunday School Teachers, 5; Scholars, 30; Number of Families, 14; Number of Individuals, 65.

Money Receipts, \$63; viz: Paid for Parish Expenses, \$25; Diocesan Missions, \$5; Episcopal Fund, \$14; Convention Fund, \$14; Infirm Clergymen, \$5; Total \$63.

Kent Island.

J. N. WATTSON, *Rector.*

ST. LUKE'S PARISH.

W. S. Roberts and Dr. C. M. Newman, *Wardens.* J. F. Hall, W. Gould, W. E. B. Faithful, J. Brown, John Brown, Dr. G. W. Parvis, W. D. Gould, E. S. Valient, *Vestrymen.*

Baptisms, Infant, 2; Confirmations, 3; Marriages, by myself, 1; Burials, 4; Holy Communion administered, 8; Communicants added, 3; died, 1;

present number, 22; Sunday School Teachers, 6; Scholars, 17; Estimated number of Families, 12; Estimated number of Individuals, 50; Number of sittings in Church, 92.

Money receipts, *not including* income from Glebe or endowment, about \$7. Money actually paid for all purposes, viz; Parochial Expenditures, including Current Expenses, Salaries of every sort, Repairs and the like, about \$40. Paid to the Treasurer of the Convention, \$5. Total amount given in the Parish, about \$7.

THOMAS L. GREEN, *Rector.*

ST. PAUL'S PARISH.

James T. Earle and Samuel L. Earle, *Wardens.* William McKenny, James Tilghman, of Jno., Richard T. Earle, Thos. J. Keating, William Watson, Edwin Brown, Dr. S. T. Earle. Dr. James Boardley, *Vestrymen.*

Baptisms, Adult, 1; Infant, 11; Total, 12; Confirmations, 7; Marriages, 4; Burials, 4; Holy Communion administered, 16; Communicants added, 11; present number, 109; Sunday School Teachers, 8; Scholars, 40; Estimated number of Families, 50; Estimated number of Individuals, 250; Number of sittings in Church and Chapels, 300.

Money Receipts from all sources, whether Pew Rents, Subscriptions, Offertory, Collection in Church, Alms privately bestowed in money within the knowledge of the Rector, but *not including* income from Glebe or Endowment, \$1959.65. Money actually paid for all purposes, viz: Parochial Expenditures, including Current Expenses, Salaries of every sort, Repairs and the like, \$1477.55. Parochial Improvements and Purchases, \$55. Alms and Charities within the Parish, \$40. Paid to the Treasurer of the Convention, \$30. Paid to the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, \$42.60. Paid to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions, \$162.85. Sent for Foreign Missions, \$83.45. Relief of Widows and Orphans of Clergy and for Infirm Clergymen, \$18.25. Total amount given in the Parish, \$1909.65.

ARISTIDES S. SMITH, *Rector.*

QUEEN ANNE'S AND TALBOT COUNTIES.

WYE PARISH.

Dr. Jas. Davidson and W. R. Davidson, *Wardens.* Jas. Davidson, R. B. Carmichael, W. R. Davidson, Richard C. Tilghman, Charles H. Tilghman, Thos. Grason, Geo. Davidson, N. Comegys, *Vestrymen.*

Baptisms, Infant, 12; Confirmations, 1; Marriages, 3; Burials, 6; Holy Communion administered, 5 times; Communicants, added, 3; Died, 2; present number, 44; Sunday School Teachers, 2; Scholars, 11; Estimated number of Families, 25; Estimated number of Individuals, 103; Number of sittings in Church and Chapels, 339.

Money Receipts from all sources, whether Pew Rents, Subscriptions,

Offertory, Collection in Church, Alms privately bestowed in money within the knowledge of the Rector, but *not including* income from Glebe or Endowment, \$900.56. Money actually paid for all purposes, viz: Parochial Expenditures, including Current Expenses, Salaries of every sort, Repairs and the like, \$892.47. Parochial Improvements and Purchases, \$379.85. Alms and Charities within the Parish, \$3.32. Paid to the Treasurer of the Convention, \$10. Paid to the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, \$48. Paid to the Treasurer of Home of the Friendless, \$39. Paid to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions, \$3.87. Sent for Domestic Missions, \$8.25. Sent for Foreign Missions, \$9. Relief of Widows and Orphans of Clergy and for Infirm Clergymen, \$7.50. Total amount given in the Parish, \$1400.26.

W. B. EVERETT, *Officiating.*

SOMERSET COUNTY.

COVENTRY PARISH.

Thomas Williams and Charles A. Curtis, *Wardens*. W. Williams, M. D., Jas. A. Curtis, Fred. Adams, M. D., I. C. Horsey, G. M. Upshur, M. D., Thomas Williams, Geo. R. Dennis, M. D., Chas A. Curtis, *Vestrymen*.

Baptisms, Infant, 12; Holy Communion administered, 4; Communicants, added, 7; Removed, 2; present number, 76; Estimated number of Families, 35; Estimated number of Individuals, 175; Number of sittings in Church and Chapels, 750.

Money Receipts from all sources, whether Pew Rents, Subscriptions, Offertory, Collection in Church, alms privately bestowed in money within the knowledge of the Rector, but *not including* income from Glebe or Endowment, \$355. Money actually paid for all purposes, viz: Parochial Expenditures, including Current Expenses, Salaries of every sort, Repairs and the like \$625; Paid to the Treasurer of Convention, \$10; Paid to the Treasurer of Episcopal Fund, \$190; Paid to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions, \$25; Sent for Domestic Missions, \$5; Total amount given in the Parish, \$855.

JOHN CROSDALE, *Minister.*

SOMERSET PARISH.

John Miller and Robert Dashiell, *Wardens*. Levin Woolford, H. H. Dashiell, John W. Dashiell, Wm. H. Gale, W. I. Brittingham, William Stewart, Isaac S. Atkinson, Robert J. Waller, *Vestrymen*.

Baptisms, adult, 2; Infant, 15; Total, 17; Confirmations, 18; Marriages, 4; Burials, 13; Catechisings, 6; Holy Communion administered, 28 times; Communicants added, 30; Removed, 5; Died, 8; present number, 196; Sunday School Teachers, 13; Scholars, 70; Estimated number of families, 90; Estimated number of Individuals, 420; Number of sittings in Church and Chapels, 450.

Money Receipts from all sources, whether Pew Rents, Subscriptions, Offertory, Collections in Church, Alms privately bestowed in money within

the knowledge of the Rector, but *not including* income from Glebe or Endowment, \$1,926.43. Money actually paid for all purposes, viz: Parochial Expenditures, including Current Expenses, Salaries of every sort, Repairs and the like, \$1,371.83; Parochial Improvements and Purchases, \$475; Paid to Treasurer of Convention, \$30; Paid to the Treasurer of Episcopal Fund, \$230.45; Paid to the Treasurer of the Home of the Friendless, \$——; Paid to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions, \$103.01; Sent for Domestic Missions, \$25; Other objects, viz; Nashotah, \$25; Other alms privately bestowed, \$50; Total amount given in the Parish, \$2,309.94.

JOHN O. BARTON, *Rector.*

SOMERSET AND WORCESTER COUNTIES.

POCOMOKE PARISH.

James Broughton and Francis I. Dashiell, *Wardens.* S. S. McMasten, Jas. A. Dashiell, B. I. Williams, D. I. A. Truitt, M. D., Jas. W. Dougherty, C. C. Lloyd, Francis I. Dashiell, John E. Hayward, *Vestrymen.*

Baptisms, Adult, 1; Infant, 6; Total, 7; Confirmations, 2; Marriages, 4; Burials, 4; Catechisings, in Sunday School every Sunday; Holy Communion administered, 18; Communicants, added, 5; Removed, 10; Died, 2; present number, 71; Sunday School Teachers, 2; Scholars, 25; Parish School Teachers, 1; Scholars, 25; Estimated number of families, 40; Estimated number of Individuals, 200; Number of sittings in Church and Chapels, 225.

Money Receipts from all sources, whether Pew Rents, Subscriptions, Offertory, Collection in Church, Alms privately bestowed in money within the knowledge of the Rector, but *not including* income from Glebe or Endowment, \$1,050. Money actually paid for all purposes, viz: Parochial Expenditures, including Current Expenses, Salaries of every sort, Repairs and the like, \$677; Alms and Charities within the Parish, \$22; Paid to the Treasurer of the Convention, \$10; Paid to the Treasurer of Episcopal Fund, \$150; paid to the Treasurer of Home of the Friendless, \$50; Paid to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions, \$50; Sent for Domestic Missions, \$35; Sent for Foreign Missions, \$21; Society for Increase of Ministry, \$1; Relief of Widows and Orphans of Clergy and for Infirm Clergymen, \$7; Other objects, viz: Home Mission to Colored people, \$5; Indian Missions, \$4; Nashotah, \$3; Aid to Sunday Churches, \$15; Total amount given in the Parish, \$1,050.

JOHN CROSDALE, *Rector.*

TALBOT COUNTY.

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH.

Geo. R. Goldsborough and William Willis, *Wardens.* Wm. Goldsborough, Nathaniel P. Jenkins, Wm. Willis, Charles Lowndes, John W. Kemp, John Harrington, Casper W. Morris, Geo. R. Goldsborough, *Vestrymen.*

Baptisms, Adult, 1; Infant, 20; Total, 21; Confirmations, 13; Marriages, 4; Burials, 6; Catechisings, 8; Holy Communion administered, 28, Communicants, added, 6; Removed, 1; Died, 1; present number, 122; Sunday School Teachers, 17; Scholars, 120; Estimated number of Families, 60; Estimated number of Individuals, 350; Number of sittings in Church and Chapels, 600.

Money Receipts from all sources, whether Pew Rents, Subscriptions, Offertory, Collection in Church, Alms privately bestowed in money within the knowledge of the Rector, but *not including* income from Glebe or Endowment, \$2,913.70. Money actually paid for all purposes, viz: Parochial Expenditures, including Current Expenses, Salaries of every sort, Repairs and the like, \$1,350; Parochial Improvements and Purchases, \$320.20; Alms and Charities within the Parish, \$57.03; Paid to the Treasurer of the Convention, \$30; Paid to the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, about \$600; Paid to the Treasurer of Home of the Friendless, \$126; Paid to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions, \$300; Sent for Domestic Missions, 47; Relief of Widows and Orphans of Clergy and for Infirm Clergymen, \$30; Other objects, viz: Book Wagon, \$50; First Fruits Fund, 27.50; Chapel at Easton Point, \$10; Total amount given in the Parish, \$3,377.73.

We have subscribed towards rebuilding the Parish Church at St. Michael's, about four thousand dollars. I have only reported the money actually paid in. We hope to complete the new Church, All Saints, this year.

ERASTUS F. DASHIELL, *Rector*.

ST. PETER'S PARISH.

William H. Smith and Henry H. Goldsborough, *Wardens*. S. Hambleton, J. L. Adkins, Wm. H. Smith, Wm. M. Hollyday, H. H. Goldsborough, John F. Kersey, M. T. Goldsborough, Richard I. Trippe, *Vestrymen*.

Baptisms, Infant, 15; Confirmations, 12; Marriages, 5; Burials, 6; Catechisings, monthly; Holy Communion administered, (once in private) 27 times; Communicants added, 23; Removed, 9; Died, 1; present number, 152; Sunday School Teachers, 14; Scholars, 85; Estimated number of families, 60; Estimated number of Individuals, 300; Number of sittings in Church and Chapels, 360.

Money Receipts from all sources, whether Pew Rents, Subscriptions, Offertory, Collection in Church, Alms privately bestowed in money within the knowledge of the Rector, but *not including* income from Glebe or Endowment, \$4,190.13; Money actually paid for all purposes, viz: Parochial Expenditures, including Current Expenses, Salaries of every sort, Repairs and the like, \$1,433.16; Parochial Improvements and Purchases, \$1,002.22; Alms and Charities within the Parish, \$30.62; Paid to the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, \$521.33; Paid to the Treasurer of Home of the Friendless, \$172.50; Paid to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions, \$333.64; Sent for Domestic Missions, \$127.49; Sent for Foreign Missions, \$32.57; Society for Increase of Ministry, \$71.50; Relief of Widows and Orphans of Clergy and for Infirm Clergymen, \$51.52; Other objects, viz: Relief of Swedish Church, Chicago, \$45.20; Relief of Church at Jackson, Miss., \$30; N. Y. Bible and P. B. Society, \$14.21; Miscellaneous, \$24.61; Total amount given in the Parish, \$4,180.13.

Divine service has been performed twice every Sunday, and occasionally three times, and on week-days 124 times. Besides the above report, supplies of clothing, garden-seed, etc., have been sent, to our Indian Missions, and a large amount given in charity within the Parish through channels other than the Church. An auxiliary Missionary Association has been organized among the ladies of the Parish.

ROBERT WILSON, *Rector.*

WHITEMARSH PARISH.

Thos. S. Hadlaway and Thos. I. Chaplain, *Wardens*. Alex. H. Barnet, Ed. L. Hamison, Dr. E. M. Hardcastle, Benj. Taylor, John W. Martin, Jos. B. Seth, *Vestrymen*.

Baptisms, Adult, 1; Infant, 11; Total, 12; Marriages, 7; Burials, 4; Catechisings, 6; Holy Communion administered, 18; Communicants added, 3; Removed, 3; Died, 1; present number, 79; Sunday School Teachers, 16; Scholars, 181; Estimated number of Families, 51; Estimated number of Individuals, 225; Number of sittings in Church and Chapels, (2 Churches) 400.

Money Receipts from all sources, whether Pew Rents, Subscriptions, Offer-tory, Collection in Church, Alms privately bestowed in money within the knowledge of the Rector, but *not including* income from Glebe or Endowment, \$1,639.66. Money actually paid for all purposes, viz: Parochial Expenditures, including Current Expenses, Salaries of every sort, Repairs and the like, \$1,013.36; Parochial Improvements and Purchases, \$226.89; Alms and Charities within the Parish, \$53.55; Paid to the Treasurer of the Convention, \$22.34; Paid to the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, \$112.85; Paid to the Treasurer of Home of the Friendless, \$63.15; Paid to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions, \$71.15; Sent for Domestic Missions, \$23.53; Other objects, viz: Ponka Indians, \$30; Chicago Sufferers, \$16.66; Charity outside Parish, \$6.18; Total amount given in the Parish, \$1,639.66.

It may be proper to state that there are four separate societies within the parish for the purpose of aiding in parochial work. A Brotherhood of only a few members is doing efficient work in our Sunday Schools. The Ladies' Church Aid Society within ten months has contributed seventy dollars towards parochial improvements. The Ladies' Society in Aid of Home of the Friendless, and a Society of Ladies, are just being started to aid in the cause of Domestic Missions. It gives us pleasure to be able to state that within this year St. Paul's Church, Trappe, was consecrated by the Bishop of the Diocese, the clergy of the Middle Convocation being present, and participating in the service. The Rector would take this occasion to thankfully acknowledge that he has received a large share of the free-will offerings of the people, which could scarcely be specified in the above report of contributions.

JAMES A. MITCHELL, *Rector.*

WICOMICO COUNTY.

SPRING HILL.

George Hitch and J. F. Collier, *Wardens*. John White, Wm. Waller, T. F. J. Rider, J. Aug. Parsons, George Waller, George Hitch, Wm. E. Brewington, Milton Parsons, *Vestrymen*.

Baptisms, Adult, 4; Infant, 12; Total, 16; Confirmations, 8; Marriages, 1; Burials, 9; Catechisings, frequently; Holy Communion administered, very frequently; Communicants, added, 9; Removed, 10; Died, 6; present number, 196; Sunday School Teachers, 21; Scholars, 175; Estimated number of Families, 120; Estimated number of Individuals, 600.

Money Receipts from all sources, whether Pew Rents, Subscriptions, Offertory, Collection in Church, Alms privately bestowed in money within the knowledge of the Rector, but *not including* income from Glebe or Endowment, \$3231.66. Money actually paid for all purposes, viz: Communion Alms, \$40.95; Paid to the Treasurer of the Convention, \$30; Paid to the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, \$317; Paid to the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missions, \$32.16; Sent for Domestic Missions, \$37.42; Sent for Foreign Missions, \$6; Relief of Chicago, \$14; Other objects, viz: Improvements on the Rectory, \$1400; Sunday School, \$67.17; Ladies' Association, \$36.96; Miscellaneous, \$200; Total amount given in the Parish, \$3231.66.

The number of Sunday School scholars given above includes the colored Sunday school lately commenced in Salisbury. It numbers 55 scholars, and gives promise of success.

WM. FULTON, *Rector*.

STEPNEY PARISH.

Robert Walter and Dr. James A. J. Willing, *Wardens*. Robert Walter, Dr. James A. J. Willing, Levin Walter, George E. Wingate, Wm. A. Bailey, L. Thomas Walter, George D. Walter, Ernest Riall, *Vestrymen*.

At the beginning of the present year I commenced a monthly service in this old parish and have succeeded in awakening some interest among its long neglected people. The Vestry have been re-organized, and has entered upon its trust with considerable zeal. The condition of the parish, however, is not as yet such as enables me to fill up the required form of report. The list of baptisms, &c., has been included in the report from Spring Hill on account of the loss of the Records of Stepney.

WM. FULTON, *Minister in charge, pro tem.*

WORCESTER COUNTY.

ALL HALLOWS PARISH.

Jas. B. R. Purnell, M. D., and Jas. D. Hack, *Wardens*.

Thomas P. Parker, Jas. D. Hack, Jas. S. Jones, Stephen Mason, George Hayward, Geo. M. Upshur, Edward Marshall, M. D., Isaac J. Davis, *Vestrymen*.

Baptisms, Infant, 7; Confirmations, 3; Marriages, 1; Burials, 6; Catechisings, occasionally; Holy Communion administered, 13; Communicants, added, 9; Removed, 2; Died, 3; present number, 46; Sunday School Teachers, 6; Scholars, 61; Estimated number of Families, 33; Estimated number of Individuals, 142; Number of sittings in Church and Chapels, 400. Money Receipts from all sources, whether Pew Rents, Subscriptions, Offertory, Collection in Church, Alms privately bestowed in money within the knowledge of the Rector, but *not including* income from Glebe or Endowment, \$743.75. Money actually paid for all purposes, viz: Parochial Expenditures including Current Expenses, Salaries of every sort, Repairs and the like, \$381.38; Parochial Improvements and Purchases, \$6 92; Alms and Charities within the Parish, \$17.44; Paid to the Treasurer of the Convention, \$15; Paid to the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, \$219.08; Paid to the Treasurer of Home of the Friendless, \$8; Paid to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions, \$19.55; Sent for Domestic Missions, \$7.82; Sent for Foreign Missions, \$14.31; Relief of Widows and Orphans of Clergy and for infirm Clergymen, \$1.75; Other objects, viz: For the purchase of a horse for the Rector, \$52.50; Total amount given in the Parish, \$743.75.

The teachers and scholars reported are embraced in the Sunday Schools at Snow Hill and Lindseyville. The estimated number of individuals comprise both adults and infants. Some improvement has been made in the interior of All Hallows Church, by having the windows painted. This was done with money made at the Festival held in this place in the year 1870. The congregation at Snow Hill has improved slightly, there being some new faces to be seen in regular attendance. At both Snow Hill and Lindseyville, the congregations are much larger than at the time of my former report.

Snow Hill.

O. MARBURY, *Rector.*

ST. PAUL'S.

Josiah M. Marshall and John E. H. Marshall, *Wardens.* J. M. Marshall, John E. H. Marshall, John R. Purnell, Wm. B. Robbins, John T. Hammond, R. J. Henry, S. T. Williams, H. C. Hudson, *Vestrymen.* Baptisms, Adult, 4; Infant, 5; Total, 10; Confirmations, 1; Burials, 4; Catechisings, since Feb. 1 1872, 4; Holy Communion administered, 1; Communicants added, 1; present number, 63; Sunday School Teachers, 8; Scholars, 48; Estimated number of families, 31; Estimated number of Individuals, 180; Number of sittings in Church and Chapels, 450.

Money Receipts from all sources, whether Pew Rents, Subscriptions, Offertory, Collection in Church, Alms privately bestowed in money within the knowledge of the Rector, but *not including* income from Glebe or Endowment, \$— . Money actually paid for all purposes, viz: Parochial Expenditures, including Current Expenses, Salaries of every sort, Repairs and the like, \$— ; Parochial Improvements and Purchases (Parish Library) \$12; Alms and Charities within the Parish, \$14.09; Paid to the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, \$207.83; Other objects, \$50.05.

We have no Parish school, but we have now in working condition a Brotherhood numbering eighteen members, and also a Parish Aid Society (Sisterhood), numbering twenty members.

GEORGE S. FITZHUGH, *Officiating.*

APPENDIX.

CONVENTION REPORTS.

REPORT ON PAROCHIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

The Committee on Parochial Contributions beg leave to make the following Report:

Chester Parish.	\$30.00
All Hallows Parish.....	15.00
Spring Hill "	30.00
Great Choptank "	25.00
North Sassafras "	30.00
St. Paul's " Queen Anne's county.....	30.00
Wye Parish "	10.00
North Kent "	30.00
Vienna "	5.00
St. Luke's " Queen Anne's county.....	5.00
Whitemarsh "	20.00
E. New Market "	5.00
St. Paul's " Kent county.....	25.00
Dorchester "	5.00
Somerset "	30.00
Pocomoke "	10.00
Coventry "	10.00
St. Peter's "	30.00
Port Deposit "	10.00
North Elk "	35.00
Worcester "	15.00
Kent Island " in part.....	14.00
St. Michael's "	30.00
Trinity Church, Elkton	20.00

\$169.00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS S. HADDAWAY, *Chairman.*

ASSESSMENT FOR PAROCHIAL CONTRIBUTION.

CECIL COUNTY.

St Augustine Parish	\$ 5.00
North Elk Parish	10.00
North Sassafras Parish	30.00
Trinity Church, Elkton	20.00
St. James, Port Deposit	10.00

DORCHESTER COUNTY.

Dorchester Parish	\$ 5.00
East New Market Parish	5.00
Great Choptank Parish	25.00
Vienna Parish	5.00

KENT COUNTY.

Chester Parish	\$30.00
I. U. Parish	10.00
North Kent Parish	30.00
St. Paul's Parish	25.00
Shrewsbury Parish	30.00

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY.

Christ Church Parish, (K. I.)	\$30.00
St. Luke's Parish	5.00
St. Paul's Parish	30.00

QUEEN ANNE'S AND TALBOT COUNTIES.

Wye Parish	\$10.00
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SOMERSET COUNTY.

Coventry Parish	\$10.00
Somerset Parish	30.00

SOMERSET AND WORCESTER COUNTIES.

Pocomoke Parish	\$10.00
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TALBOT COUNTY.

St. Michael's Parish	\$30.00
St. Peter's Parish	30.00
Church of the Holy Trinity	10.00
Whitemarsh Parish	20.00

WICOMICO COUNTY.

St. Matthew's Parish	\$ 5.00
Spring Hill Parish	30.00
Stepney Parish	5.00

WORCESTER COUNTY.

All Hallows Parish	\$15.00
Worcester Parish	15.00

The above statement I respectfully submit.

THOMAS HUGHLETT.

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS ON ACCOUNT OF PAROCHIAL CONTRIBUTIONS**FOR 1868-69-70-71.**

1868	St. Augustine Parish.....	\$ 5.00	
	North St. Mary Anne	10.00	
	Wye Parish	5.00	
	Holy Trinity Church	5.00	
	St. John's Parish	3.00	
	All Hallows Parish	5.00	
			\$33.00
1869	St. Augustine Parish	\$10.00	
	North Kent	30.00	
	Wye Parish	20.00	
	Whitemarsh Parish	6.00	
	Coventry Parish	10.00	
	St. Matthew's	5.00	
	Stepney	2.00	
	Worcester	20.00	
			\$103.00
1870	St. Augustine Parish	\$10.00	
	North St. Mary Anne	15.00	
	Vienna	5.00	
	Wye	20.00	
	St. John's	5.00	
	Coventry	10.00	
	St. Matthew's	5.00	
	Stepney	5.00	
	All Hallows	10.00	
			\$85.00
1871	Wye Parish	\$20.00	
	Christ Church Parish, Kent Island	11.00	
	St. John's Caroline	5.00	
	Providence Parish, Newtown	5.00	
	St. Matthew's Parish, Worcester	5.00	
	Stepney	5.00	
			\$51.00
			\$272.00

The Committee on the Episcopal Fund respectfully report that they have examined the Treasurer's account and find it correct. They would suggest that the same be placed to the credit of the Convention and that a flow of any detailed

examination into the affairs of the Episcopal Fund, and for the maturing of plans for its collection, and that the Convention must depend upon the Trustees on whom it has conferred authority, for the collection, custody, and safe and profitable investment of this Fund.

All of which is submitted.

ERASTUS F. DASHIELL,
WM. R. HAYWARD, M. D.,
W. I. CRAFT.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE EPISCOPAL FUND.

To the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Easton:

The Trustees respectfully submit the Report of the Treasurer, again calling attention to the delinquency of many of the parishes.

In its wisdom the Convention may possibly devise some mode of collecting the past dues, so often brought to notice by the Treasurer.

Should it come to pass that there is nothing in hand for the Bishop's support—possibly before another Convention can meet—subscribers of easy conscience may be awakened to a sense of responsibility.

RICHARD B. CARMICHAEL,
W. S. WALKER,
H. H. DASHIELL,
J. L. ADKINS.

To the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Easton:

GENTLEMEN:—The Treasurer presents the accompanying Report, setting forth the subscription, interest, and dividend collections, the investments and expenses, since the last annual Convention.

The tabular statement exhibits no improvement in the payments of those parishes that were behindhand last year. Printed circulars as ordered, were sent out periodically to the Rectors, urging more attention to obligations on the part of those pledged to Episcopal support. The response has been feeble, leading to the fear that the plan has been a failure, and the cost of printing and mailing a loss. The subscription (see table) is \$44,485, which with \$7,630 from Maryland makes \$52,115.

RECEIPTS:

Reported previously,	{ Subscription dues	\$11,591.60
	{ Return of Call Loans	2,670.00
		<hr/> \$14,261.60
On fourth installment and arrearages		3,075.00
		<hr/> \$17,336.60

EXPENSES.

Reported last year.	\$459.66
Printing, stamps, &c.	21.00
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	\$486.66.

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INVESTMENTS.

Before reported, including \$2.670 loan	\$13,153.30	
10 Shares N. C. R. Road	891.75	
10 Shares Easton Building Association	1,000.00	
1000 Richmond & Danville R. R. Bonds	797.50	
1000 Burl. Cedar Rapids & Minn. R. R. Bonds	981.03	
Leaving to investment	582.36	
	<hr/>	\$16,855.94
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		\$17,336.60

INTEREST AND DIVIDEND RECEIPTS.

Reported previously	\$7,009.32	
Since last Report	2,458.01	
	<hr/>	\$9,467.33

DISBURSED.

Last Report	\$5,875.00	
Bishop's salary	2,500.00	
" on hand to pay	1,092.33	
	<hr/>	\$9,467.33

Easton, June 4, 1872.

J. L. ADKINS, *Treasurer.*

RECEIPTS ON SUBSCRIPTION AT CONVENTION.

From St. Paul's Parish, Kent Co.	\$ 75.59	
" Great Choptank Parish	69.27	
" North Kent Parish	14.28	
" Wye Parish	48.00	
" Coventry Parish	155.25	
Somerset Parish	230.45	
	<hr/>	\$592.54

TABULAR STATEMENT

Of Parish Subscriptions to the EPISCOPAL FUND of the DIOCESE OF EASTON, showing the amounts due and paid.

COUNTIES AND PARISHES	Subscriptions by Counties.	Subscriptions by Parishes.	DUE.		PAID.	
			4th Installment 1-10 of Principal.	Interest 12 Months.	Principal.	Interest.
Cecil County.	\$7,125 00					
Trinity Church, Elkton.....		\$1,000 00	\$942 50	\$128 70	\$35 00	\$18 00
St. Augustine Parish.....		270 00	29 50	14 48	22 00	10 56
North Saasafra "		3,100 00	447 50	230 50	307 50	158 11
St. Mary Anne's "		2,155 00	300 50	130 44	225 50	109 04
Kent County.	7,550 00					
Chester Parish.....		2,475 00	342 50	108 15	142 50	61 65
North Kent Parish.....		1,340 00	286 00	158 60	25 00	10 50
St. Paul's "		690 00	116 50	75 45		3 00
I. U. "		1,140 00	268 00	157 29	37 00	18 51
Shrewsbury "		1,935 00	417 50	212 72		
Queen Anne's County.	3,675 00					
Christ Church Parish, K. I....		450 00	50 00	21 60	105 00	46 20
St. Paul's Parish.....		2,500 00	705 00	377 70	36 00	14 88
St. Luke's "		725 00	110 50	86 79		
Talbot & Queen Anne's Co's	1,900 00					
Wye Parish.....		1,900 00	175 00	86 08	135 00	56 70
Talbot County.	11,685 00					
St. Peter's Parish		5,010 00	596 00	271 50	367 50	148 08
St. Michael's Parish.....		4,490 00	525 00	252 50	445 00	162 60
Whitemarsh "		1,650 00	312 50	111 90	190 00	39 45
Ch. of the Holy Trinity, Oxford		125 00	17 50	8 25	10 00	4 20
Dorchester County.	3,155 00					
Great Choptank Parish.....		2,045 00	266 40	135 30	94 00	37 08
Dorchester Parish.....		610 00	104 40	53 86	7 50	3 40
East New Market Parish.....		500 00	50 00	21 00	50 00	21 00
Caroline County.	200 00					
St. John's Parish.....		200 00	20 00	8 40	20 00	8 40
Worcester County.	2,660 00					
Worcester Parish.....		1,710 00	251 00	119 10	145 00	62 24
All Hallows "		950 00	65 50	49 72	172 50	46 58
Somerset & Worcester Co's	1,020 00					
Pocomoke Parish.....		1,020 00	101 50	42 63	107 50	42 63
Somerset County.	3,175 00					
Somerset Parish.....		2,925 00	560 50	302 55		
Coventry "		250 00	25 00	10 50	25 00	10 50
Wicomico County.	2,340 00					
Spring Hill Parish.....		2,340 00	427 50	2098 5	146 00	105 45
	\$44,485 00	\$44,485 00	\$6,729 40	\$3,855 72	\$2,851 00	\$1,234 06

	\$896 21
June 9 To Cash paid Rev. W. D. Mitchell for Sexton of Trinity Church, per order Convention.....	\$10 00
14 To Cash paid Rev. J. L. Bryan, per order Convention.... Messrs. Innes & Co., on account of printing	25 00
" " Conventions Journal.....	235 70
" To Cash paid Rev. J. L. Bryan, for pt. on Journal.....	9 28
" " " Jas. A. Mitchell, " "	1 06
Nov. 20 To Cash paid G. R. Goldborough, on account of General Convention.....	75 00
To Cash paid Rev. J. Crosdale, expenses of attending General Convention.....	11 00
" To Cash paid Rev. E. F. Dashields, expenses of attending General Convention.....	27 50
Dec. 10 To Cash paid Rev. T. P. Barber, expenses of attending General Convention.....	13 00
To Cash paid Rev. K. J. Stearns, D. D., expenses of attending meeting of Board of Examiners.....	7 50
Jan. 4 To Cash paid Rev. J. O. Barton, expenses of attending Gen'l Convention and meeting of Standing Committee.....	35 80
March 7 To Cash paid Rev. J. Crosdale, expenses of attending meeting of Standing Committee.....	11 14
April 14 To Cash paid Messrs. Innes & Co., for printing Circulars, &c.....	14 00
May 17 " Rev. J. Crosdale, expenses of attending Board of Missions.....	12 00
23 To Cash paid Rev. T. P. Barber, expenses of attending Board of Missions.....	2 00
27 To Cash paid for Pens, Paper, Stamps, &c.....	3 00
Balance in hand.....	411 25
1872.	\$896 21

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Board of Missions of the Diocese of Easton respectfully submits to the convention the following report :

During the past year we have made appropriations to the amount of \$1,900 per annum, and actual payments to the amount of \$1,762.50.

Referring to the report of the treasurer for a detailed statement of accounts, we give here a general statement of the distribution of the funds entrusted, to our care. To the Rev. Mr. Crosdale, Missionary in Coventry, we have appropriated \$400 per annum. We are satisfied that our Missionary has been assiduous in his efforts to revive this decayed parish : we all know that it has been the labor of his life to preserve and extend the Church in the Southern portion of the Eastern Shore, and this Board is glad to extend to him its hearty co-operation.

To the Rev. Dr. Bryan, missionary in Dorchester Parish, we have appropriated \$200 per annum. We have thus secured Sunday services for this parish and Dr. Bryan hopes to resign his place in a few months to a resident Rector and missionary, lately called by the Vestry.

To the Rev. Mr. Hoskins, Missionary at East New Market and Vienna we have appropriated \$300 per annum. He has not been long enough in his field to reap the results of his labors.

To the Rev. Mr. Stearns, Missionary in St. Mary's, Whitechapel, we have appropriated \$300 per annum. He has begun well, with but a few supporters, and we are assured will make the best use of the opportunities afforded him. His work, also, needs time for its development.

To the Rev. Mr. Beaven, Missionary in Caroline Co., we have appropriated \$200 per annum. The Church at Hillsborough under his care does not present any marked change. In the congregation at Greensborough there is evidence of fresh life and energy. We are gratified to learn that a system of weekly offering for the maintenance of the Parish has lately been introduced.

To the Rev. Mr. Martin, Missionary at Port Deposit, we have appropriated \$400 per annum. His labors have been greatly blessed. Within eighteen months a good congregation has been collected, a large Sunday school gathered, a handsome Church erected, and twenty-eight persons confirmed. We hope that this Church will soon dispense with our aid and become a giver instead of a receiver. We have also appropriated \$100 in assisting a candidate for holy orders in pursuing his studies.

The committee greatly desires to extend the sphere of usefulness. At this moment we would be glad to secure a missionary for I. U. parish, and for Tyaskin. Moreover, they are saddened to know that we have in our midst several excellent young men who are anxious to study for the ministry could they be assisted in their studies, but whom we have not the means to aid.

We are fully alive to the importance of reducing our present appropriations as soon as it can be done with safety. But to maintain what we have in hand requires an annual expenditure of about \$2,000, while our income the year past was about \$1700.

This sum has been procured by no small amount of effort: at every meeting of convocation the story is told and the appeal is made. Most of the clergy

have been at pains to keep the matter constantly before their people. The Bishop moreover has asked a special collection for this fund at every visitation.

But the amount given by individuals is small. In a single instance a \$50 note was placed in the alms basin; oftenest men of substance contribute a mere trifle.

The Missionary Board is profoundly grateful to the clergy for their sympathy and constant endeavors to provide them with funds: but could we reach the ear of our lay-brethren, we would urge upon them that a diocese cannot be sustained and extended without a real gift on the part of individuals. We cannot doubt that while we have received less than a dollar for each communicant, there are at least two hundred persons in our congregations, for whom a sum varying from \$20 to \$50, would be no more than a very moderate contribution in order to preach the Gospel to the poor.

The committee append to this report, a communication from the Bishop in reference to the measures taken for the sale of books in the diocese.

We have thus made a full exhibition of our work to the convention, and earnestly invite not only its moral support but its advice and counsel concerning the matters entrusted to us.

HENRY C. LAY,
T. P. BARBER,
JOHN CROSDALE,
J. L. ADKINS.

PRINCESS ANNE, JUNE 5th, 1872,

To the Board of Missions of the Diocese of Easton.

GENTLEMEN:—At the last meeting of the Diocesan Convention, I proposed that we should set on foot an agency for the sale and distribution of religious books.

Various pledges were made, and upon the faith of them your treasurer placed in my hands the sum of \$300, as capital to be used in this undertaking.

Books to the amount of \$400 were carefully selected by myself in New York, an agent was employed, and a horse was hired by the day. The Rev. Mr. Dashiell furnished a conveyance, thus far without cost, although with the just expectation that I would soon purchase it at a very moderate price.

Thus a portion of the diocese was canvassed with excellent success. Books were sold to the amount of \$400 when the approach of winter arrested the work, I may with truth say about \$500 worth of books were distributed: for some were given away, and others for which there was no demand except where parishes were supplying their Sunday School Libraries, were sold at the actual wholesale cost.

It is something gained that we have placed in the hands of our people \$500 worth of the very best religious books now published. When the weather and roads were such as to warrant a renewal of operations, I engaged an agent who I hoped would go over nearly all the diocese. But I found it impossible to hire a horse at a season when the farmers were so busy.

I then determined to devote my own horse to the purpose for a season, but when everything was ready the horse became disabled and I was foiled.

The recital of such humble endeavors, frustrated by hindrances so small, may excite a smile with more favored brethren. But little things are great to feeble folk; and I have been as much interested in this undertaking, and as much distressed at these disappointments, as if thousands of dollars were involved.

Our capital is intact and undiminished. After a year's trading on the little talent of \$300 it is now represented by \$175 cash in hand, being proceeds of sales, and stock remaining to nearly the same amount. Even making some allowance for unsaleable stock, I have the original investment safe in cash, in harness, book cases, and in books commanding ready sale.

I propose to push this enterprise as fast as I can with safety. The whole \$300 is little enough for book capital. Three moderate petitions I would like to urge if I could find a ready ear and a willing mind.

1. A hundred dollars for Mr. Dashiell's wagon, now filled and prepared for this purpose, and which I am pledged to purchase.

2. A horse: a diocesan horse, to be always available, and

3. A house and provision for the horse in the winter season, when he would not be in use.

If these facilities could be afforded, the work thus far successful, can be done well and thoroughly.

Yours very respectfully,

HENRY C. LAY,

EASTON, June 1st, 1872.

Bishop of the Diocese.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Committee on the state of the Church have the pleasure of reporting a decided improvement in the matter of sending in Parochial Reports; for in these slovenly times it is a pleasure to find a clergyman simply doing his duty: if they are unprofitable servants who have done only what was their duty to do, what must they be who have deliberately put aside a known and definite obligation? He that is faithful in that which is least, is faithful also in much; and he that is unjust (mark the word) in the least is unjust also in much. These ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

Of the twenty-eight parishes having more than a nominal existence, all but two, North Kent (vacant) and St. Mary Anne's, have complied with their canonical obligation in this matter, (Digest, Title L, Canon 15, § i.) though one report, no doubt inadvertently, failed to give the number of communicants, and one, through oversight, was not before the Committee.

Taking the number of communicants last reported in these four parishes, we have an aggregate of 1,940, being a net increase from last year of 113. In the number of Baptisms reported there has been an increase of 69 in 14 parishes, and a decrease of 92 in 9 parishes. The greatest falling off has been in three parishes, St. John's, Caroline, (whose Report last year included those of St. Mary's, Whitechapel,) 11; Whitmarsh, Talbot, 17; Trinity, Cecil, (whose last Report, however, embraced two years,) 38. In the Sunday Schools there has been a slight increase in the number both of the Teachers and of the Pupils.

The remaining statistics, owing to the change in the form of the parochial reports, cannot be compared (except in the matter of the offerings for Foreign Missions, in which there has been a falling off of about fifteen per cent) with those of last year. The items, however, are here given as data for future comparison: Holy Communion administered 307 times in 21 parishes; or, leaving out those parishes which have been without a resident rector, or have been served only by a deacon, 283 times in 16 parishes; an average of nearly 18 times per parish. Families 959, in 23 parishes; an average of 42 to a parish. Individuals 4,395, ditto; an average of 191 to a parish. Aggregate Receipts in 20 parishes \$22,358.79. Aggregate Payments in 22 parishes \$29,534.63. If in the two parishes whose payments only are reported we put the receipts the same as the payments, we shall have an aggregate of Receipts, in 23 parishes, of \$28,008.45; an average of between six and seven dollars to every man woman and child enrolled in the Registers of those parishes. These statistics are of course only approximate; it is hoped that, as the result of the explanations given in Convention, and of the appeal to the consciences of delinquent rectors and churchwardens in the opening paragraph of this Report, the statistics of next year will show a nearer approach to completeness and accuracy.

Respectfully submitted.

E. J. STEARNS.

NOTE. The statistics given above were carefully examined by the Committee before the adjournment of the Convention; but the Report having been drawn up by the chairman after the adjournment (see the proceedings of Thursday afternoon) it has not been practicable to submit it to the other members.

E. J. S.

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HOME FOR FRIENDLESS CHILDREN.

The Officers and Managers of "the Home for Friendless Children," hereby respectfully submit to the Convention of the Diocese of Easton, their second Annual Report.

They are sorry to say that the contributions from some of the parishes have not been so large this year; and remittances have come into the Treasury more slowly, so that, at times, the funds have been low, but when means were most needed, a timely contribution from one or another of the parishes has been received, and thus, by the help of God, they continue to this day.

Some repairs have been made to the house, which were absolutely needed, but they greatly desire means to enable them to make provision for the accommodation of a large number of children. Three more have been received into the Home during the year, and there are other applicants. The health of the children has been generally good; but the youngest of the little ones met with a severe accident, which confined her to her couch for two months. By the aid of prompt and skilful medical attendance, the care of the Matron and the services of a nurse employed by the Board, with the blessing of God, she has entirely recovered.

The managers feel quite sure that an inspection of the Home would well repay any one making it; and they hope that all who may be in Easton, and have the opportunity of doing so, will not fail to visit it. They confidently commend it to your prayers and to your contributions.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Alice E. Colquhoun, *Cor. Secretary.*

HOME FOR FRIENDLESS CHILDREN IN ACCOUNT WITH
E. A. GOLDSBOROUGH.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED FROM PARISHES.

St. Stephen's Church, North Sassafra	Cecil Co.	\$ 44.00
Elkton,	"	1.00
Vienna	Parish, Dorchester Co.,	3.00
St. Paul's	" Kent "	5.00
Shrewsbury	" "	10.00
Kent Island	" Queen Anne's "	1.00
St. Paul	" "	85.75
Wye	" "	16.00
St. Peter's	" Easton, Talbot "	192.50
St. Michael's	" "	125.15
All Saint's, St. Michael's	" "	23.04
Whitemarsh	" "	68.15
Somerset	" Somerset "	29.00
St. Mary's	" Newtown, Worcester "	50.00
All Hallows	" "	25.00
St. Paul's	" "	30.00

\$702.59

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RECAPITULATION BY COUNTIES

From Cecil County.	\$45.00
" Dorchester "	3.00
" Kent "	15.00
" Queen Anne's "	102.75
" Talbot "	408.84
" Somerset "	29.00
" Worcester "	105.00
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	\$708.59

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Total Subscriptions and Donations from the E. Shore,	\$ 708.59
Donations at large.....	57.00
Miscellaneous receipts.....	11.73
Interest on Notes.....	179.80
Note paid in.....	100.00
On Loan.....	2200.00
Balance, May 11th, 1871.....	355.47
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Total Receipts.....	\$3612.59

EXPENDITURES.

Lumber and Carpenters' work,.....	\$ 154.95
Supplies.....	440.67
Contingent Expenses.....	60.00
Medicines.....	15.27
Wages.....	145.12
Matron's Salary.....	200.00
Clothing	109.99
Fuel and general Expenses.....	222.57
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Total Expenditures.....	\$1348.57
On Loan.....	\$2200.00
Money in Bank.....	26.02
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	\$2226.02
Error.....	38.00
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Total.....	\$3612.59

FARM OF THE HOME FOR FRIENDLESS CHILDREN IN ACCOUNT WITH E. A. GOLDSBOROUGH.

Sale of 84 Bushels of wheat.....	\$ 95.84
" 80 " " corn.....	47.71
Balance on hand May 11th, 1871.....	31.98
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Total Credits.....	\$175.53
To Fencing.....	\$ 58.32
Total Debts.....	\$ 58.32
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Balance in Bank to Farm Account.....	\$117.21
EASTON, May, 1872.	E. A. GOLDSBOROUGH, Treasurer.
Examined and found correct.	J. L. ADKINS, Auditor.

MANAGERS OF HOME FOR FRIENDLESS ORPHAN CHILDREN.**OFFICERS.**

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COUNCIL OF ADVICE.

the Rev. R. WILSON, M.D., the Rev. E. F. DASHIELL,
 Mr. JNO. M. GOLDSBOROUGH, J. L. ADKINS, M. D.,
 E. M. HARDCASTLE, M. D.

A SERMON,

DELIVERED BEFORE THE CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF EASTON,
JUNE 5th, 1872, AT PRINCESS ANNE, SOMERSET COUNTY, BY THE
RIGHT REV. WILLIAM PINKNEY, D. D., ASST. BISHOP OF THE
DIOCESE OF MARYLAND.

It was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered to the Saints.

Jude, 3rd verse.

There is a subject of the gravest importance brought before us in this text, in words few and simple. And yet those words are exceedingly comprehensive in meaning, and marked by a power of practical truth, which it is difficult to express in words, or grasp in the mightiest range of the imaginative faculty. Earnest contention for the faith once delivered to the Saints is the theme: That faith was imperilled, even at that early day, by the boldness of human speculation, and the vagaries of human fancy. Hence the solicitude of St. Jude to rescue it from the touch of the spoiler, and preserve it, intact and entire, from the hand of innovation and change. It was the faith once delivered, which awakened his liveliest concern, that great system of revealed truth, which it pleased God to transmit in the way that He knew was most effectual, and free from even the possibility of error. Until it pleased God to give to the world, the full and final revelation of His will, in all those things that touch vitally the salvation of our lost race, and to unlock the vast treasure-house of the hidden mysteries, there was no power in man to pierce the veil, so that looking into the Holy of Holies, he could see the things that make for his soul's peace. It was *terra incognita*, an abyss profound, which no human plummet could possibly fathom.

But now that it hath pleased God, in the fullness of time, to speak to us in the face of JESUS CHRIST our LORD, now that we are privileged to see the Father in the person of the Son, and catch a full view of the hidden mysteries, we are put in

possession of the faith. The revelation is a revelation of facts that touch eternity at every point, and enter into the infinitude of the things not seen.

It is, as the ablest of the fathers of the Anglican Communion, and the most thoughtful of the moderns have always taught, a system of facts not opinions. Opinions are debatable. They have two sides. They may be right or wrong. But facts are stubborn realities, which have their existence in the very nature of things. That man was originally created pure and holy is a fact, or it is not. That thus created, he sinned wilfully against the law that was given him, and did that which was sternly forbidden, is a fact, or it is not. That thus fallen from his high estate, God took pity on him, and provided a mode of escape from the just penalty of his sins, is a fact, or it is not. What provision, if any, was made for his recovery is a question of fact. All this is the subject of revelation. Human reason can decide nothing about it, for it can discover nothing definitely, on which to base a decision. It is outside of the domain of reason. God alone can determine the really existing state of the case. This He has done in a revelation, which has come down to us, clearly authenticated, and established by miracles—miracles wrought in the face of day, and in the view of thousands. This revelation of God is the faith once delivered to the Saints. It is, as I said, and and as others have often said before me, a revelation of facts, not opinions.

Seeing then that there is a revelation of facts, and seeing that the Bible is that revelation, in which holy men wrote as they were moved by the Holy Ghost, seeing that all Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and because so given is profitable for instruction in righteousness, it remains for us to pause on the threshold of the great discussion, and ask, what is the system of faith revealed—the faith once delivered, so delivered that there can be no mutilation of the record, no blotting out of any of the great facts thus made known? Whatever that faith is, that is the proper object of our belief, and for that we are to contend.

Here it may be well to draw attention to a discrimination, which is often made, but which it strikes us, is extremely

dangerous and unwise, which the incomparable Hooker and the most learned Bingham have, to some extent, sanctioned with the weight of their high authority. It may appear to be presumptuous to review, what has passed under the powerful microscope of such minds, but the truth is mightier than man, and its vindication is a duty that rests on the weakest, to whom that truth is committed as a sacred deposit.

I allude to the distinction which men are prone to draw between what is, by them, deemed to be essential to the being, and what to the well-being of the Church, or its individual members. Man is lost; a sinner by nature, far, very far gone from original righteousness. He bears within him the seeds of death. He has forfeited all claim to life. He can, by no act of his, undo the deadly sin he has committed. God taking pity on man's wretchedness and sin, sent forth His Son, made in the likeness of sinful flesh; and now the great question meets us, what is the remedy provided, and how may it be made operative for the accomplishment of the end proposed? Atonement by the blood of CHRIST is the remedy. Incorporation into the body of CHRIST, and sustentation of the life imparted by the means divinely designated, indicate the ordinary mode of the accomplishment of the end. It is not merely the being, but the well-being of the Church, and its private membership, which it is God's gracious purpose to secure in the revelation made. He who became Incarnate for our sakes and died, that we might live, and then built an ark, wherein we can seek refuge for our souls, as they fly wearied and worn, as doves to the windows, did so in order that He might enrich us with all the elements of spiritual life, and fill the Body He left, with this communicable fullness. There is no superfluity in the remedy provided, or its several component parts. There is nothing revealed, with which we can afford to dispense, nothing enjoined, which we can afford to disregard, if we really desire to be made partakers of the Divine Nature. All that God reveals as contributive to our soul's growth, or the Church's life, is of unutterable importance; for what is contributive to this result, as it entered into the mind of God, and the work of CHRIST, and the ever Blessed Spirit, must be maintained, and retained by us. The entirety of the faith, as

It alone satisfied the will of God, can only satisfy the wants and desires of our souls. The truth then, which is symmetrical, of exquisite harmony of proportions, and which is revealed to us in all the beauty and grandeur of its symmetry, is the object of our faith. Less than the truth, the whole truth, will not suffice.

Let us pause, one moment, while we look into the Kingdom of nature, for an illustration of what we mean. It is, I know, the revelation of a lower life; and yet that lower life is strictly analogous to the higher; for the Kingdoms are one. The power of the life, which is imparted in the one Kingdom, is in like manner, illustrated in the other. A seed is dropped into the earth. It is a seed of life. It develops into a plant; first the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear. It develops under the influence of certain agencies, which God has combined, as He only can, in the laboratory of nature. Now what wise man among us, would set to work to determine what is vital to the plant, and what to its well-being in life? Who of us would undertake to analyze the component parts of the atmosphere, or other vitalizing powers, in order to discover how much he might subtract from the exquisite combination, without destroying the life-power at work? We want not merely the stalk and covering of the flexible blade, but the fully developed fruit. We therefore wisely leave the laboratory of nature to its own processes, and give the plant the full benefit of all that nature supplies for the perfection of its being.

He would be considered a fool, who should undertake to experiment on a living power, ever in the developing life of a fragile plant. How, then, has it come to pass, that in the restoration to life of a dead soul, and the subsequent development of the life restored, men should so boldly speculate as to what is needful for its being, or its continuance in being, and what to its well-being? Salvation is what we need and seek, full, complete salvation. God in CHRIST has set in motion certain elements of life. They are all blended by Him in a wonderful order, and in the combination of the separate constituents, the Divine Wisdom displays itself. There is nothing superfluous, nothing that has not its proper use. The man is planted in the soil of the Church. As a vine in the Lord's

vineyard, he is watered by the dews of the Spirit. He drinks in the refreshing rays of the Sun of Righteousness. He is first: regenerated, new-born of water and the Spirit. He then seeks confirming grace, then the renewing grace of the Holy Eucharist. Each day adds something to the life-power, gives more robustness and vigor to the after-growth, until the full corn in the ear appears.. We hope to see the life developed. Nothing less than the developement of the life-power, in its fullest state of vitality, will suffice. We know, that the whole system of the faith, once delivered, is essential to the well-being of the Church collectively, and its separate membership.

It is no prerogative of ours to draw nice distinctions between the being, and well-being of that, which God meant should attain its perfection of being. As in the one Kingdom, we leave the atmosphere, the dew-drop, the shower, and the sunbeam, to fulfill; each, its appointed mission, and never dare subject them to a mere human analysis to discover their component parts, with the view of ascertaining how much of the one or the other we can withdraw, without the destruction of the plant; satisfied, that God has in this laboratory, with infinite skill, adjusted everything so as to preserve the plant in being, and then give it its fullest vitality. So in the other Kingdom, we ought to exercise like vigilance to observe the beautiful proportions of the faith, and wait to see the development of the blade, the ear, and the full corn in the ear, under the genial influence of the truth, all the truth once delivered to the Saints. We have no more right to interfere with the well-being, than we have with the being of the Church, or any one soul in it. Our Blessed LORD was not only revealed to give life to the Church, and to transmit life, through it, to each and every member, which is grafted in it, but to minister to the well-being of the one and the other. Hence it is, that those nice distinctions, which so frequently obtrude themselves on the theology of the age, are in our judgment, so much to be deplored. The faith once delivered, is the precious deposit of the truth which is committed to us, to be woven into the being and well-being of the Church, and incorporated into each and every member of the same, as the life-element. It is a revela-

tion of facts, which touch the Being of God, and our own as deeply, to which nothing may be added, and from which nothing may be taken away. What is new in theology is false. Whatever lacks the seal of miracles is to be cast aside; be it a Tridentine addition, or a sect subtraction from the faith.

The articles of our belief were very early culled out of Scripture, and collected into summaries, styled Creeds, as many of our ablest writers assert and prove. St. Paul, in his charge to Timothy, uses this remarkably strong and emphatic language: "Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me." There are other, and not less unequivocal allusions to some such existing formularies of the faith, which we know from faithful history, the Church has used from the beginning. The Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed, the one, to use the language of Schaff, "a symbol comprehending the leading articles of the faith in sublime simplicity, unsurpassed brevity, the most beautiful order," the other, "the solemn, authoritative witness of the Church," in Ecumenical Council. I repeat, these Creeds did but assert the faith, which had been held from the beginning. They were the faithful echoes of old truths, "not the setting forth as truth, that which had been before in matter of opinion. They were wrung from the heart of the agonized Church, by denials of the truth on which was fed, then as now, her inmost life. The General Councils ever assumed the attitude of witnesses to the truth, not creators of the truth." A vital and radical distinction! So that we reach this conclusion: The Bible is the grand depository of the faith, the one only infallible rule of life, which was written under the plenary inspiration of the Holy Ghost, and which has been handed down, in a tangible and palpable form, through successive generations, to the present time. The Creeds are the witness of the Church, not to the opinions held, but to the facts revealed, as those facts were everywhere received, and by all.

St. Jude was panting for the opportunity of discoursing of the common salvation. This was the theme most in harmony with the feelings of his large, broad heart. His soul was all aglow with the tenderness and beauty of the theme. Salvation, a common salvation! And yet he was arrested in the

current of the deep thought that was sweeping through his soul, by the fierce onslaught, that was made on the faith, and the subtle cunning that marked that onslaught, on the part of those who, with tuneful tongue and persuasive eloquence, were seeking to beguile the little children of the Kingdom, from the steadfastness and simplicity of the truth. Necessity was laid on him to sound the note of alarm. He exhorted them to contend earnestly for the faith once delivered, all the faith. The Greek word, as Wordsworth shows, is exceedingly expressive. It is, "to fight standing on a thing which is assaulted, and which the adversary desires to take away—it is to fight, so as to defend and retain it." This then is our duty.

No man can survey the Christian world, in our day, without being forcibly impressed with the idea, that thousands are asleep at their post, regardless both of the danger that threatens the faith, and of the responsibility, that rests on every soldier of the Cross to fight, standing on the truth, with the determination to defend and retain it.

False ideas of charity have deadened the heart, and turned aside the weapons that were forged, and then given us for the defence of the faith. False ideas of the proportions of the faith, in its reflex influence on the Church, and its individual members, have stupefied conscience, and superinduced an apathy of soul, as appalling as it is imperilling. Interrogate the heart of Christendom, and what do you find? Mysteries discarded, loose views of the Atonement, looser views of the essential Divinity of our Blessed Lord. All and each of them, eating out the very life of the Church! Defences of the ancient faith that was settled by councils, and supported by the clear "thus saith the Lord!" made necessary by the spirit of a refined infidelity and forgetfulness of duty! Many truths that were revealed for the establishment of the soul in righteousness, have been permitted to pass beyond the range of our spiritual perception.

While in reality the faith once delivered to the Saints, is committed to us for defence in its integrity, as that which in the judgment of God, was deemed necessary, to the full accomplishment of His all-merciful purposes.

Beloved, is it not needful, that we sound again the solemn warning of St. Jude? When so appropriately could this be done, as now, when in the Providence of God, I am called, by your Bishop, to occupy the honored seat of Teacher, which he could have far more acceptably filled, in this young Diocese, which concentrates on it so much of heart feeling and enlists so much of the deepest sympathy of loving souls? If the whisperings of hope are so full of beauty and pathos, in the appeal, which the future addresses to the sense of the magnificent and the true, as it spans the horizon, like the bow bent on the clouds by the Hand Divine, a bright omen, that the war of elements shall cease, and the calm follow on the footsteps of the storm, as we emerge into the as yet undeveloped grandeur of the ages ahead, under the auspices of that brighter bow bent in the covenant of grace—what shall I say of the sweet memories of the past, which are flooding my soul, in this seat of refinement, where your holy conclave have met? It is a remarkable and affecting Providence, that my first words of greeting to the Diocese of Easton, so long consecrated by genius, a genius that found embodiment in a Chambers, a Carmichael, an Earle, an Eccleston, and others scarcely less distinguished than they, in the councils of the Church and the nation, and which still exhibits a Laity of which any Church in Christendom might be proud, should be uttered on a spot of rare loveliness, endeared to me by the labors of an inexperienced youth, where, for the first time, I proclaimed the message of love. It was here, that the now sainted McElhenny laid the foundation of an enduring fame, in a learning so varied and so accurate, that nothing seemed to have escaped his notice, and where all things seemed to have been wrought into exquisite richness and variety of hues as they passed through his mental kaleidoscope. His power of word-painting gave a peculiar fascination to his style, while his power of argumentation illuminated every discussion in which he participated. His warm and genial sympathy kindled into glow, the high places and the low, which echoed to his unwearied footsteps. He was a rare man in a rare age—an age, when the purity of the clergyman contaminated by selfishness, and was synonymous with the clergyman.

the lion-heart softly coalesced with the meekness of the lamb. His mental force rose under the pressure of opposition and discouragement; while the fountain of his thoughts sent forth an inexhaustible stream, so beautiful and so deep, that it seemed to be fathomless. His heart was a bed of roses, the freshness and fragrance of which were inhaled by the peasant, in his rude, rough cabin, as readily and as freely as by the more cultivated and refined. Somerset remembers him. The echoes of his manly eloquence and laborious, self-denying life still survive him. It was here, that he bade me begin a ministry of much weakness; and all through that ministry, until his large brave heart had ceased to beat, it was his voice that sounded like a trumpet in my ears, those words of encouragement and hope, "be strong in the grace of our LORD JESUS CHRIST."

Thirty odd years ago, I stood on this very spot, in the early spring-time of life, and pointed to the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the valleys. Wonderful are the changes, which have swept over this portion of the vineyard, and swept away so many of the brightest jewels, that earth has cabinetted. A few remain.

Among them I recognize the Rector of Pocomoke,* the truest type of the missionary of the Cross, who still stands sentinel, on the watch-tower; and as he walks his wearied round, he lifts up the cry: "Watchman, what of the night? the morning cometh, and also the night, return, come." He is still spared to link the new Diocese to the old, the mother to the daughter, my brother beloved, with whom I have taken sweet counsel in other days, as we walked, side by side, with no jar in the heart harmony, around the walls of our beautiful city, the Church, and House of God, as friends.

Beloved, you will pardon me for this slight digression, an episode of the heart. As I turn from the past to the present, a present so rich in promise and laden with fruit, a present in which you are called to bear God, nurture to a tree of life just planted by the Lord, to mould and shape a brightness, long neglected jewels,

it may be the loveliest in the crown, I cannot but feel that a great work is before you—a work of love, that calls for the blending of all wills—a work, that touches at every point, the life and prosperity of a Diocese, baptized in the dew of tears, and that now stands erect in the eye of her sister Sees, with the star of the Episcopate in His right hand, who holds each candlestick in its place.

Brethren of the Clergy and Laity, you are, each one of you, in your appropriate sphere, put in possession of the faith, once delivered, and called to fight, standing upon it to defend and retain it. We of the Clergy to teach the truth, in its beautiful proportions; you of the Laity to embrace it, and hold it fast. Neither High church nor Low church, Broad church nor Ritualistic should enter into our thoughts in the solution of the great problem, that now meets us for final settlement. Prayer Book churchmanship, which breathes the very language and spirit of the word of God, and stands square on the catholic witness to the truth, must mould and shape us in heart and life. Eloquence is charming. It steals over the soul, like the first soft whispers of the morning, or the echoes of the distant hills in the pensiveness of the evening twilight hour. Learning is masterful. It sweeps along the borders of the river of life, freighted with the treasure of ages which have grown wise by experience and patient study. But a thorough impregnation of the soul, with the beautiful and the true, in that sublime analogy of the faith, in which each jewel is assigned its place, and a brave hearted adherence to the truth, are of vastly greater importance to the chosen defenders of the faith.

Beloved, you must be wise to discern, cautious in spirit, prayerful, of one mind, of one heart. You must pray God for grace to adhere to the good old paths the fathers trod, which are moistened by the dews of centuries, and enriched by the blood of martyrs. Novelties may not be allowed to entice us. The poetry of religious feeling may not be allowed to allure us aside, into strange and untried customs.

Earnestness must characterize the warfare to which St. Jude alludes. And yet that warfare must be waged in love—love of the truth, and for the truth's sake. A mighty impulse that must fire each bosom. Love is

earnest. But it is the earnestness of gentleness, that wins over opposers, and gives a warrantee of final and complete success. A fiery zeal will accomplish nothing. Intolerance only infuriates. The sweet, calm, intense zeal, that strives for what it loves, and loves what it knows to be true, and seeks in meek patience, and with holy fervor, to defend and maintain what it loves, is the spirit that must animate us. Just as we guard the life of the plant, and weed out the bramble and the briar, with extremest tenderness, lest in the eradication of the weeds we should wound fatally the plant, and never cease our efforts to enrich the soil, and nurture the plant in its growth, and then wait to see the flower and the fruit—so must we as tenderly, seek to establish souls that are weak, confirm souls that are wavering, and recover souls that are losing footholds on the bridge of life, and thus prove to them, that it is fidelity to God, which constrains us to stand fighting on the truth, which is their richest heritage of grace, and ours.

Never forget, that the secret of your strength in this loving warfare is an earnest conviction of the sacredness of the deposit. The truth was revealed for our sanctification. "Sanctify them by Thy truth, Thy word is truth," is the keynote that sounds ever, as the Spirit sweeps His fingers over the chords of the heart-harp. No man can doubt, that the fullest measure of perfection is the result of the truth received in its completest harmony. If the world sees that we are impregnated with the truth, that our life is the reflected power of the truth, a living creed, not less powerful in its circumscribed area, in its witness for God, than the grand Nicene Creed, it will be won over to the truth, and by the chain let down from Heaven to earth, complete in all its links, it will be lifted up from earth to Heaven.

Walk about Zion. Go round about her. Tell the towers thereof. Mark well her bulwarks. Consider her palaces. "Cause her gates to be opened for the admission of whatever of goodness and truth may develope. Take careful notice that they are in a sound condition, and do the right kind of service. See to it, that within her ample limits, there are ~~safe~~ ^{safe} abodes for all who claim the boon of citizenship within ~~the~~ ^{we} will then be the magnet of attraction to all about

her. Belief in her own Divine office, in the reality of her sacraments, in the Divine authority of her creeds and ministry, is the source of her strength."

Noble sentiments, which we may not hope to improve, and which we therefore, prefer to express in the author's well chosen words. Without this we are powerless. We may fling our flaunting banners out to the breeze. High-sounding words may be on our tongues. Men will loathe us for our craven heartedness, and cry out shame on our lukewarmness. Our Creeds will be our sorest and bitterest reproach. The world loves reality. She spurns a compromise of principle on the part of those, who profess to act on principle. If there be a faith once delivered to the Saints, and if we profess to have received that faith by express revelation from God, the world says, why do you not stand on the faith, and defend it. Oh, let us then cease our party wrangling. Let us lay aside all bitterness, and wrath, and evil speaking. Let us buckle on the truth, the whole truth, and with one mind strive to preserve it, in all gentleness of spirit, tempered by that holy boldness, which will never sacrifice the right to expediency.

Beloved, there is a quiet grandeur, a pathos, a moral beauty and power in our ancient Liturgy, that must win regard, and find its way to the heart, in this age of vacillation and change. There is a fixedness of principle in ideas, that have come down to us through long ages of the past, that must secure the confidence and esteem of those who have to mourn over the instability of all else beside. Let us then cling more closely to our Heaven-derived ministry, our pure and elevated Liturgy, our reformed Catholic, and Protestant faith. There is enough in the Service to satisfy the demands of the most poetical taste, and glowing unction. We may cultivate without change, the esthetical in our nature, while we steer clear of the dangerous errors of modern Rome, and the bald, jejune system of modern dissent.

The great mass of the people want and require rest, something that is stable, free from change, and enduring. The world is heaving and tossing sufficiently for them, in the surges of life's troubled sea. They crave a spiritual home, where the manna falls daily, with ~~unchanging~~ regularity, and where the

rest of to-day will be the rest of to-morrow. Whenever they cross the holy threshold, they want to see and to feel something of the sunlight of the upper temple, where one song is sung. At the hearthstone, where are gathered the jewels that God has strung on the golden chain, they want to feel that the house is at unity with itself, and that the faith once delivered is the faith still. The Book of Common Prayer is the book of their affections. They love it, and they ask that it shall meet them, with its calm, sweet, earnest spirit, and broad conservatism, in all the services of the altar. Beloved, let us labor by the grace of God, to satisfy this deep yearning of their souls, and do all we can to build them up in the faith.

Unity is powerful. The best mode of preserving it is diligence in work. A working Diocese—a Diocese, that embodies the Creeds in the daily life, and carries the pastoral heart to every hearthstone, and feeds with the true bread of Heaven each hungering soul, in the fullness of the great commission, “feed my lambs, feed my sheep,” is the strongest bond of unity. You may send across the waters, to the mother who gave you birth, and to the aged Bishop, whose unrivalled eloquence can never fade from the memory of either Clergy or Laity, the message of love, proclaiming that you are of one mind in a house. You may so multiply your labors of love that we may feel, through more than the electric wires, which the genius of man has laid on the bed of Ocean, the throbbings of your young heart, which shall cause us to rejoice in the glory of the LORD, as it shines so brightly on your tabernacle, and be led to emulate your zeal in the one common work that should absorb us all. Thus laboring we may chant together, from a full heart, those mighty words, which are not more beautiful in the poetry they breathe, than true in sentiment.

One sole, baptismal sign,
One LORD below, above,
One faith, one hope Divine,
One only watchword—love!
From different temples, though it rise,
One song ascendeth to the skies.

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Head of the Church beneath,
The Catholic, the true,
On all her members breathe,
Her broken frame, renew!
Then shall thy perfect will be done,
When Christians love and live as one.

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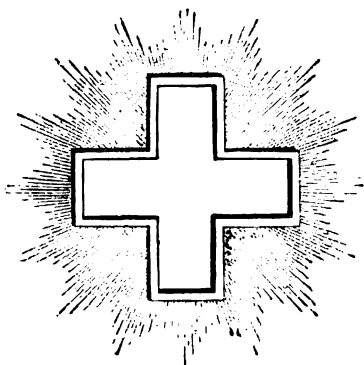
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Third Tuesday in October, Cambridge. Second Tuesday in February, Easton. Third Tuesday in May, St. Michael's.

SOUTHERN CONVOCATION.

The Rev. JOHN CROSDALE, *Dean*.

First Tuesday in November, Newtown. Third Tuesday in January, Snow Hill. Third Tuesday in April, Berlin.

The times and places above named are subject to such changes as may be made by the respective Deans, with the sanction of the Bishop.

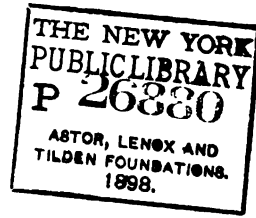
HOME OF THE FRIENDLESS.

Applications for admission to the Home for Friendless Children, must be made, in writing, to the President of the Board of Managers, Mrs. HENRY C. LAY; or to the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. M. M. DAWSON, Easton, Talbot County, Maryland.

Remittances should be sent to Mrs. G. W. GOLDSBOROUGH, Easton, Boxes of supplies should be marked with the name of the Parish, and directed "to the Home of the Friendless, Easton, Maryland."

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OF THE

FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

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IN THE

DIOCESE OF EASTON.

HELD IN ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CHESTERTOWN,
June 4th, 5th and 6th, 1873.

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The Sixth Annual Convention
WILL BE HELD IN
St. Peter's Church, Salisbury,
On Wednesday, June 3d, 1874.



LIST OF THE CLERGY

OF THE

DIOCESE OF EASTON, JUNE 4TH, 1873.

* Those whose names are in *italics* are not entitled to a seat in the Convention, and those marked with a * did not attend its sessions.

Rt. Rev. HENRY C. LAY, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese.

Rev. JOHN CROSDALE, Rector of Pocomoke Parish, Somerset and Worcester Cos.

" THEODORE P. BARBER, Rector of Great Choptank Parish, Dorchester Co.

" **John A. Thompson*, residing on Kent Island.

" ERASTUS F. DASHIELL, Rector of St. Michael's Parish, Talbot Co.

" *GEORGE F. BEAVEN, Rector of St. John's Parish, Caroline Co.

" JAMES L. BRYAN, M. D., Deacon, Assistant Minister of Great Choptank Parish.

" **George W. E. Fisse*.

" THOMAS L. GREEN, Rector of St. Luke's Parish, Queen Anne's Co.

" JOSEPH N. WATTSON, Rector of Christ Church Parish, Queen Anne's Co.

" JOHN O. BARTON, Rector of Somerset Parish, Somerset Co.

" WILLIAM FULTON, D. D., Rector of Spring Hill Parish, Wicomico Co.

" JAMES A. MITCHELL, Rector of Whitemarsh Parish, Talbot Co.

" ROBERT WILSON, M. D., Rector of St. Peter's Parish, Talbot Co.

" LORENZO S. RUSSELL, Rector of St. Mary Anne's Parish, Cecil Co.

" JOHN MARTIN, Rector of St. James' Church, Port Deposit.

Rev. EDWARD J. STEARNS, Rector of St. Mary's Whitechapel Parish, Caroline Co.

" * WILLIAM B. EVERETT, M. D., Deacon, officiating in Wye Parish.

" GEORGE S. FITZHUGH, Deacon, officiating in Worcester Parish.

" * *Edward G. Perryman.*

" JAMES W. HOSKINS, Rector of East New Market and Vienna Parishes, Dorchester Co.

" STEPHEN C. ROBERTS, Rector of Chester Parish, Kent Co.

" JOHN WADE NOTT, Rector of Dorchester Parish, Dorchester Co.

" SAMUEL D. HALL, Rector of Shrewsbury Parish, Kent Co.

" C. H. WILLIAMSON, M. D., Rector of All Hallows' Parish, Worcester Co.

" HENRY A. SKINNER, Rector of Trinity Parish, Cecil Co.

" *C. I. Hendley*, Rector of St. Paul's and I. U. Parishes, Kent Co.

In all : the Bishop, 23 Priests and 3 Deacons = 27.

LIST
OF
PARISHES AND CONGREGATIONS IN THE DIOCESE OF
EASTON, WITH THE CLERGY OF THE SAME;
AND OF
LAY DELEGATES TO THE FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Lay Delegates marked with a * did not attend.

CAROLINE COUNTY.

St. John's Parish.	<i>Lay Delegates.</i>
St. Paul's Church, Hillsborough, Rev. George F. Beaven, Rector.	* Wm. S. Ridgeley.
St. Mary's Whitechapel Parish.	
Rev. Edward J. Stearns, Rector.	* Geo. M. Russum.

CECIL COUNTY.

Augustine Parish.	
St. Augustine Church.	
St. Mary Anne's Parish.	
St. Mary Anne's Church, Northeast, St. Mark's Chapel, Perryville, Rev. Lorenzo S. Russell, Rector.	S. L. Chamberlaine.
North Sassafras Parish.	
St. Stephen's Church.	Wm. M. Knight.
Trinity Parish.	
Trinity Church, Elkton, Rev. Henry A. Skinner, Rector.	R. C. Mackall, M. D.
St. James' Church, Port Deposit.	
Rev. John Martin, Rector.	H. L. Physick.

Diocesan Convention of Easton.

DORCHESTER COUNTY.

Dorchester Parish.

Trinity Church, Church Creek,

Grace Church, Taylor's Island,

Rev. John W. Nott, Rector.

Lay Delegates.

R. L. Spilman.

East New Market Parish.

St. Stephen's Church, East New Market,

Rev. James W. Hoskins, Rector.

Thos. Leckie.

Great Choptank Parish.

Christ Church, Cambridge,

St. John's Chapel, Castle Haven Neck,

Rev. Theo. P. Barber, Rector.

Daniel M. Henry.

Rev. Jas. L. Bryan, M. D., Deacon,

*W. R. Hayward, M.D.

Assistant Minister.

Vienna Parish.

St. Paul's Church, Vienna,

Rev. Jas. W. Hoskins, Rector.

* Wm. S. Craft.

KENT COUNTY.

Chester Parish,

St. Paul's Church, Chestertown,

Rev. Stephen C. Roberts, Rector.

Geo. B. Westcott.

I. U. Parish.

St. Peter's Church,

Rev. C. I. Hendley, Rector.

Sewell Hepbron.

North Kent Parish.

St. Clement's Church, Massey's X Roads,

C. H. B. Massey, M. D.

St. Paul's Parish.

St. Paul's Church,

Rev. C. I. Hendley, Rector.

Horatio Beck.

Shrewsbury Parish.

Shrewsbury Church,

Rev. Samuel D. Hall, Rector.

Wm. Janvier.

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY.

Christ Church, Kent Island,

Rev. Joseph N. Wattson, Rector.

Edward C. Legg.

St. Luke's Parish.

St. Luke's Church, Church Hill,

Rev. Thomas L. Green, Rector.

John Brown.

St. Paul's Parish.

St. Paul's Church, Centreville,

Wm. McKenney.

QUEEN ANNE'S AND TALBOT COUNTIES.

Wye Parish.

St. Luke's Church, Queenstown,

St. Luke's Chapel, Wye,

Rev. Wm. B. Everett, M. D.,

Deacon, officiating.

R. B. Carmichael.

List of Parishes, &c.

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SOMERSET COUNTY.

Coventry Parish.

Lay Delegates.

Rehoboth Church, Rehoboth,
St. Paul's Church, Annessex,
St. Mark's Church, Kingston,
St. Stephen's Church, Fairmount,
Rev. John Crosdale,
Minister in charge.

Somerset Parish.

All Saints Church, Monie.
St. Andrew's Church, Princess Anne,
Rev. John O. Barton, Rector.

L. Woolford.

Wicomico Parish.

Grace Church.

SOMERSET AND WORCESTER COUNTIES.

Pocomoke Parish.

St. Mary's Church, Newtown,
Rev. John Crosdale, Rector.

S. S. McMaster.

TALBOT COUNTY.

St. Michael's Parish.

St. Michael's Church, St. Michael's,
St. John's Church, Miles River Ferry,
St. Paul's Chapel, Royal Oak,
Rev. Erastus F. Dashiell, Rector.

G. R. Goldsborough.

St. Peter's Parish.

Christ Church, Easton,
Rev. Robt. Wilson, M. D., Rector.

J. L. Adkins, M. D.

Church of the Holy Trinity, Oxford.

Whitemarsh Parish.

St. Peter's Church, Whitemarsh,
St. Paul's Church, Trappe,

Rev. Jas. A. Mitchell, Rector.

Jos. B. Seth.

WICOMICO COUNTY.

St. Matthew's Parish.

St. Matthew's Church.

Spring Hill Parish.

St. Peter's Church,
St. Peter's Chapel, Salisbury,
St. Philip's Chapel, Quantico,
Rev. Wm. Fulton, D. D., Rector.

John H. White.

Stepney Parish.

Stepney Church, Green Hill,
St. Mary's Chapel, Tyaskin.

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WORCESTER COUNTY.

All Hallows Parish.

Lay Delegates.

All Hallows Church, Snow Hill,

St. John's Church, Traptown,

Chapel of the Holy Cross, Sandy Hill,

Rev. C. H. Williamson, M. D., Rector. * G. W. Bishop.

Worcester Parish.

St Paul's Church, Berlin,

St. Martin's Church, St. Martin,

Rev. Geo. S. Fitzhugh,

Deacon, officiating.

* T. F. Holloway, M. D.

In all : 33 Incorporated Parishes and Congregations (represented at the Fourth Annual Convention by 22 Lay Delegates), and 17 Chapels.

*OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES OF THE FIFTH
ANNUAL CONVENTION.*

OFFICERS:

The Right Rev. HENRY CHAMPLIN LAY, D. D., LL. D.,
President.

The Rev. JAS. L. BRYAN, M. D.,
Secretary, Cambridge, Md.

WM. S. WALKER, Esq.,
Assistant Secretary, Chestertown, Md.

THOMAS HUGHLETT, Esq.,
Treasurer, Easton, Md.

J. L. ADKINS, M. D.,
Treasurer of Diocesan Missions Fund, Easton.

The Rev. THEO. P. BARBER,
Registrar of the Diocese, Cambridge, Md.

Standing Committee :

the Rev. John Crosdale (President), Newtown; the Rev. Theo. P. Barber
(Secretary), Cambridge; the Rev. John O. Barton, the Rev. E. F.
Dashiell, the Rev. Robert Wilson, M. D.

Ecclesiastical Court :

the Rev. Joseph N. Wattson, the Rev. James A. Mitchell, the Rev. S. C.
Roberts.

Trustees of the Episcopal Fund :

Messrs. J. L. Adkins, M. D.; Richard B. Carmichael, H. H. Dashiell, Geo.
R. Goldsborough, E. L. F. Hardcastle, Wm. S. Walker, Charles
Lowndes.

Committee on the State of the Church :

the Rev. Robert Wilson, the Rev. L. S. Russell, the Rev. J. N. Wattson,
and Messrs. S. S. McMaster and G. R. Goldsborough.

On Canons :

the Rev. Theo. P. Barber, the Rev. Wm. Fulton, D. D., Mr. Dan'l M. Henry.

Diocesan Missions Committee :

the Bishop of the Diocese (President), the Rev. Theo. P. Barber, the Rev. John Crosdale, Messrs. J. L. Adkins, M. D. (Treasurer), Jos. E. M. Chamberlaine, M. D.

Council of Advice of the Home of Friendless Children of the Eastern Shore of Maryland :

the Rev. Robert Wilson, M. D., the Rev. E. F. Dashiell, Messrs. John M. Goldsborough, J. L. Adkins, M. D., E. M. Hardcastle, M. D.

Trustees of the General Theological Seminary :

the Rev. E. F. Dashiell, the Rev. Jos. N. Wattson, the Rev. E. J. Stearns.
the Rev. Jas. A. Mitchell.

The Board of Examiners in Theology :

the Rev. E. J. Stearns, the Rev. Theo. P. Barber, the Rev. John W. Nott.

Trustees of the Relief Fund of the Diocese :

the Bishop, (President *ex officio*), the Rev. T. P. Barber, the Rev. E. F. Dashiell, and Messrs. H. H. Dashiell and Wm. S. Walker.

Special Agent for the Collection of the Episcopal Fund :

Rev. Robert Wilson, M. D., P. O., Easton, Md.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with prayer.
2. This Convention shall sit for the dispatch of business, beginning with Divine service, at such hours as each Convention may determine.
3. At the opening of the session, the Convention shall be called to order by the Bishop; or, if there be no Bishop, or he be absent, by the President of the Standing Committee, or by some member of that body appointed by those of its members who may be present.
4. The names of the Clergymen, from a list furnished by the Bishop, and if there be no Bishop, by the Standing Committee, shall then be called over by the Secretary of the last Convention, or, in his absence, by some person appointed by the Bishop or other person who called the Convention to order. The Lay Delegates shall then lay their Certificates upon the table, and subscribe the Declaration required by the Constitution. If a quorum of both orders appear, the Bishop, if present, shall announce the fact, and declare that the Convention is organized and ready for business.
5. In case of the absence of the Bishop, or of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the person who called the Convention to order shall announce that there is a quorum present. The Convention shall then proceed to elect a President, according to the seventh article of the Constitution; who shall, so soon as his election is completed, take the chair and declare that the Convention is organized and ready for business.
6. The first business after that declaration is made, either by the Bishop or the President, shall be the election of a Secretary. The Chair may then appoint an Assistant Secretary and the Committees mentioned in the next Rule.
7. The following Committees shall be appointed by the Chair: One on Rights of Clergymen to Seats in this Convention, consisting of three clergymen; one on Elections, to consist of three laymen, to whom the testimonials of the Lay Delegates shall be referred; one on Accounts, to consist of three laymen; one on Parochial Contributions, to consist of three laymen; one on the Admission of New Parishes and Congregations into union with this Convention, to consist of two Clergymen and one layman; one on the Episcopal Fund, to consist of two laymen and one clergyman; and one on Canons and other business, to consist of two Clergymen and one layman. The Chair shall also appoint all other Committees for the appointment of which no other provision is made, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.
8. Every member shall take his seat when the President takes the chair, and remain uncovered until he shall have left the Convention.
9. Every member who shall speak in any debate, shall stand up in his place and respectfully address himself to the President.

10. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the President shall decide who shall speak first.

11. No member shall speak more than twice in any debate without leave. If any member shall rise to speak more than twice on the same question without leave, the President shall call him to order. No member shall be interrupted while he is speaking in order.

12. Any member who is speaking shall take his seat when called to order by the President or any other member.

13. No member shall speak to another so as to interrupt any member who may be speaking in debate.

14. No motion shall be debated until the same shall be seconded, and, if desired by any member, reduced to writing and read by the Secretary.

15. When a motion is made and seconded, the matter of the motion shall receive a determination by the question, before any motion not privileged shall be received.

16. Privileged motions, in their order of precedence, shall be to adjourn, to postpone indefinitely, to lay on the table, to amend, and to offer a substitute; the question on the first three to be taken without debate.

17. If a question contain more parts than one, any member may have the same divided into as many questions as there are parts.

18. All questions of order shall be decided by the President; but there shall be a right of appeal to the Convention.

19. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention; and shall not be again drawn into debate during the session, except with the consent of two-thirds of the Convention.

20. No question shall be taken on any Report, unless upon a motion to print or re-commit it; but Reports shall, as of course, lie upon the table. If a Committee deem any action of the Convention desirable, it shall be their duty to present in writing such Resolutions, Acts, or Canons as they may think it should adopt; which only shall be subject to the action of the Convention. Every act which divides a Parish, or in any way affects Parish Boundaries, shall distinctly set out the new boundaries which it is intended to establish. The Convention will not act upon any proposed Resolution, Act, or Canon, which is not conformed to the provisions of this rule.

21. All elections shall be by ballot, unless otherwise ordered; the votes of the clergy and laity shall be received and counted separately; but the vote shall be regarded as a joint one, and the election shall be decided by a majority of the whole number of votes taken together, unless a vote by Orders shall have been required agreeably to the fifth article of the Constitution.

22. It shall be the order of the day at 12 M. on the second day of the Session of the Convention, to elect the Standing Committee and the other officers, whom it is the duty of the Convention to appoint.

23. The foregoing Rules of Order shall be deemed and considered the Rules of Order of all future Conventions, until altered or rescinded; and the same shall be published in the Journal of each Convention.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Easton, assembled in St. Paul's Church, Chestertown, on Wednesday, the fourth day of June, 1873, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Messrs. Barton and Wilson. The Ante-Communion Service was said by the Rev. Mr. Barber, the Rev. Mr. Dashiell reading the Gospel.

The Convention Sermon was preached by the Rev. John Crosdale, from the fifteenth verse of the thirtieth chapter of Isaiah.

The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Dashiell, Crosdale, Bryan and Fitzhugh.

Divine Service concluded, the Right Rev., the President called the Convention to order. The Rev. James L. Bryan, Secretary of the last Convention, proceeded to call the roll of Clergy entitled to seats, from a list furnished by the Bishop, when the following answered to their names :

The Right Rev. The Bishop,

“ Rev. Mr. Barber,
“ “ “ Barton,
“ “ “ Bryan,
“ “ “ Crosdale,
“ “ “ Dashiell,
“ “ “ Fitzhugh,
“ “ “ Dr. Fulton,
“ “ “ Mr. Green,
“ “ “ Hall,
“ “ “ Hoskins,

The Rev. Mr. Martin,

“ “ “ Mitchell,
“ “ “ Nott,
“ “ “ Russell,
“ “ “ Roberts,
“ “ “ Skinner,
“ “ “ Stearns,
“ “ “ Wattson,
“ “ “ Williamson,
“ “ “ Wilson,

The Rev. Mr. Hendley was also present during the day, though *not* entitled to a seat and vote, for want of canonical residence.

The Certificates of Lay Delegates, being laid upon the Secretary's desk, the list of such Delegates was read, when the following were found to be present, viz :

Mr. Adkins,	Mr. Knight,
" Beck,	" Leckie,
" Bishop,	" Mackall,
" Brown,	" Massey,
" Carmichael,	" McMaster,
" Chamberlaine,	" Physick,
" Goldsborough,	" Seth,
" Henry,	" Spilman,
" Hepbron,	" Westcott,
" Janvier,	

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A quorum of both orders being present, the President announced that the Convention was duly organized, and that the first business in order was the election of a Secretary.

The Rev. Mr. Stearns nominated the Rev. James L. Bryan, and there being no other nomination, an election by ballot was dispensed with, and the Rev. Mr. Bryan was re-elected.

The President appointed Mr. Wm. S. Walker, Assistant Secretary.

The President announced the following Committees :

On Rights of Clergymen to Seats—The Rev. Messrs. Barton, Mitchell, and Roberts.

On Elections—Messrs. Carmichael, Brown, and Chamberlaine.

On Accounts—Messrs. Massey, White, and Spilman.

On Parochial Contributions—Messrs. Woolford, Seth, and Knight.

On Admission of New Parishes—The Rev. Messrs. Stearns, and Hoskins, and Mr. Hepbron.

On the Episcopal Fund—The Rev. Mr. Dashiell, and Messrs. Mackall and McKenney.

On Canons—The Rev. Mr. Barber, the Rev. Dr. Fulton, and Mr. Henry.

On the State of the Church—The Rev. Messrs. Wilson, and Russell, and Messrs. McMaster, and Goldsborough.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Barber, it was

Resolved, That Clergymen and Officers of this Diocese not entitled to seats, visiting Clergymen from other Dioceses, candidates for Orders, together with the Vestry of this Parish, be invited to seats as honorary members of this Convention.

The Rev. C. J. Hendley, and Mr. D. M. Ellwood, candidate for orders in the Diocese, took their seats in the Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Crosdale, it was

Resolved, That this Convention meet for business on Thursday and Friday mornings at 9 o'clock, open with Divine Service, and continue in session until three o'clock P. M.

The Rev. Mr. Barton from the Committee on Rights of Clergy-to Seats, reported the following list of Clergymen entitled to seats, viz :

The Rt. Rev. Henry C. Lay, D.D., the Rev. Messrs. Theo. P. Barber, John O. Barton, George F. Beaven, Jas. L. Bryan, John Crosdale, Erastus F. Dashiell, Wm. B. Everitt, Geo. S. Fitzhugh, Wm. Fulton, D. D., Thos. L. Green, Sam'l D. Hall, James W. Hoskins, John Martin, Jas. A. Mitchell, John W. Nott, Lorenzo S. Russell, Stephen C. Roberts, Henry A. Skinner, Edward J. Stearns, Joseph N. Wattson, Charles H. Williamson, Robert Wilson.

On motion, the Convention then adjourned.

· EVENING SESSION.

Evening prayer having been said at 6 P. M., the Convention was called to order by the President. On motion of the Rev. Mr. Crosdale, the resolution adopted at the Morning Session regulating the hours of meeting of the Convention, was reconsidered.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Crosdale, it was

Resolved, That this Convention meet for business on Thursday and Friday mornings at 9 o'clock, taking a recess at 11 A. M. for Divine Service, resuming business immediately after Divine Service; to adjourn at 3 P. M.

Mr. Carmichael, from the Committee on Elections, reported the following Lay Delegates as entitled to seats, viz :

J. L. Adkins, H. Beck, Geo. W. Bishop, John Brown, Richard B. Carmichael, S. L. Chamberlaine, Wm. S. Craft, George R.

Goldsborough, Wm. R. Hayward, D. M. Henry, Sewall Hepbron, L. A. J. Holloway, Wm. Janvier, Wm. M. Knight, Thos. Leckie, E. C. Legg, R. C. Mackall, C. H. B. Massey, S. S. McMaster, H. L. Physick, W. S. Ridgeley, G. M. Russum, Jos. B. Seth, R. L. Spilman, G. B. Westcott, J. H. White, Levin Woolford.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Barber, it was

Resolved, That the following be added to the Rules of Order, to follow Order No. 21, and to be numbered 22 : " It shall be the order of the day at 12 M., on the second day of the session of the Convention, to elect the Standing Committee, and the other Officers whom it is the duty of the Convention to appoint."

2d. That No. 22 be numbered No. 23.

The Bishop then read his address as follows :

ADDRESS OF THE BISHOP.

BRETHREN BELOVED IN THE LORD :

Before submitting to you the usual statement of what has been done within our own limits during the past twelve months, I can but invite your thankful recognition of the blessings that have been bestowed upon the larger household of the American Church, and of that Church of England by whose phases of thought and temper we are so much affected.

No one can read the proceedings of the Convocations in England without being profoundly impressed with the vigour and energy that pervade the Church. A sentence or two from the speech of the Prolocutor of the Lower House of the Convocation of the Province of Canterbury, give the result of his observation during the twelve years of his presidency. Those who know the standing of Archdeacon Bickersteth, know also that he does not fashion his speech to please men.

He says : " The Convocation of this Province of Canterbury stands in a very different position in the eyes of this realm on England from what it did twelve years ago. In spite of a great deal of opposition, in spite of a great deal of scorn and contempt that has been cast upon it, it has been steadily rising in the estimation of the people of this country. Another circumstance upon which I look with no less satisfaction is the gradual but certain increase among us of brotherly love and Christian charity. There is now as compared with the state of things twelve years ago, a kindly respect for the feelings and opinions

of others, a general wish to meet others as far as possible without compromise of principle ; and from this I augur great and happy results for the Church of England, for I cannot forget that here is the very heart and life of the Church of England. . . . If we find brotherly love and Christian charity prevailing more and more in this Synod, we may well believe that that happy state of feeling is pervading the Church throughout its length and breadth."

Far otherwise is the appearance in the sister island. The Church of Ireland seems to be invaded with the spirit of rashness and intolerance. In spite of the earnest remonstrance of its Bishops and Archbishops, the Prayer Book is being mutilated and altered. A violent layman has succeeded in procuring the passage, and that by a vote of two-thirds, of a rubric restricting the grace of Holy Baptism to admission to the visible Church and the visible signing and sealing of the covenant. This action is not yet beyond recall, and we may hope that God in his mercy will hinder the mischief that must come, when the most venerable formularies are altered under the influence of a violent prejudice and in the interest of an excited party.

But the scene changes again as we look at the condition of our own American household. How quiet and serene the Church atmosphere has been ! How seldom have our nerves been jarred by the accents of discord ! What increased urbanity has characterised the columns of our Church journals ! What an absence have we noted of personal controversies ! How much disposition have men of decided convictions showed to recognise the truth as well as the error in those from whom they differ !

Let us not misinterpret this calm. The action of the late General Convention, together with the frank and able utterances which there found expression, did much to obliterate lines of difference, and to promote unity of opinion. But it did not put an end to controversies. Thought is as busy as ever in the Church. The varying schools of thought still exist, still develop and propagate their systems. We can hardly hope that it will be otherwise in our generation. Probably the day is not far off when the Church will find it necessary to pronounce upon some matters now commonly debated.

But the absence of heated and acrimonious controversy gives

to us the best assurance that the Church will not fail to have the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Ghost in any question which she may have need to determine. Extravagance of opinion is not likely to get the upper hand when men control their tempers, and are as ready to listen to others as they are anxious to be heard themselves.

The calm of which I have spoken, and of which we all have a pleasing consciousness, has been accompanied by an increased religious activity. Never has the season of Lent been observed throughout the land with the same solemnity. The testimony from every quarter is to the same effect. In great cities and in villages alike have services been multiplied and largely attended. There has been much vigorous and effective preaching, well calculated to arouse the careless and to stir the zeal of Christian souls. But one notes chiefly the improvement in devotion, the enhanced estimate of public prayers. What crowds do we now see coming forth from the daily service, and how well can many of us recall the time when under like circumstances the service could barely enlist the two or three necessary to claim the promise. The clergy of this diocese unite to tell me that never before have their Lenten congregations been so large or so attentive.

We have grown moreover in our affection for the House of God, and in our regard for the decency and beauty of its services. The culmination of this desire to make glorious the place where God rests, may be seen in the wondrous services we read of in Westminster Abbey and in Canterbury Cathedral. It seemed a daring experiment to introduce the Passion Music of Bach, almost an entire oratorio, into a religious service; with its thronged chorus, with the addition of such instruments as the piano, the violin, the trumpet; with the baton of a musical conductor waving in view of all. It seems to us no small venture to clothe the players upon all manner of instruments in surplices. The result must be very decided one way or another. With an undevout congregation it would be of necessity a pageant, an amusement, almost a profanity.

But such services as these were countenanced by the men highest in authority and most respected for prudence. They were kept clear from all partisan associations. We are told that nothing could exceed the seriousness and gravity of all who attended. Says an eye-witness of the services at St. Paul's:—

"Any attempt to describe the remarkable scene the cathedral presented to the eye last night must fall far short of its effect to an actual spectator. The throng of men, many of them notable in Church, in State, and in arts (not musical alone), which filled the more privileged spaces towards the eastern end; the little gatherings packed in the quarter-dome galleries, and looking down upon the floor from above; the mass of white-robed choristers on the choir floor and in the choir stalls; and lastly, the sea of miscellaneous faces which filled the immense nave up to the last square foot of room, are elements in a sight which after all can only be faintly imagined if not seen; and when, immediately after the recitative which clothes, in musical language worthy of the awful subject, the sacred narrative of the 'agony and bloody sweat,' the immense congregation in their seats, the choirmen in their stalls, the choir-boys on the floor, and the band beside their instruments, knelt for some minutes together in private prayer, it must have been felt by those whose efforts had prepared so intensely solemn a moment that it was an act of worship little short of the sublime. The Bishop was present in his proper stall, and dismissed the congregation with a blessing."

A service such as the one alluded to is desirable, as indeed it is alone possible, under exceptional circumstances. But it illustrates the reverential spirit which throughout the Church, in thousands of congregations, is labouring to make the services more solemn and impressive towards men, and a more fitting tribute to the King of Kings.

Surely, Brethren, we should not stand apart and refuse to catch this better spirit of the age. Keeping heedfully within the limits of the Church's indulgence, and carefully avoiding the temerity of teaching, whether by word or by ritual, that which we have no authority to teach, we should use all the industry and ingenuity at our command to render our services devout, beautiful, and interesting. I long to see the churches supplied with real organs, however moderate in compass, instead of melodeons, which, dignified by various names, have become a cheap substitute for them. I long to see our children taught, as a necessary part of education, to sing by note, and congregations trained to sing together, not despising that simpler style of music now recommended to us by the best authorities, and which it requires a cultivated religious sensibility rightly to appreciate. And

while I trust the clergy will more and more labour in the word and doctrine, I hope that they will increasingly devote themselves to the elevation of public worship in all the true elements of devotion.

I do not fear, my Brethren, to throw the weight of my influence, whatever it may be worth, in the scale of progress and improvement. We cannot, we must not acquiesce in that sort of conservatism which pleads always the example of the forefathers; a conservatism under which congregations have dwindled, and the Church in many localities has lost her hold upon the masses. We cannot be too conservative in the matter of doctrines and principles; the faith is something to be held fast and not to be improved. But it is not wise to be obstinately conservative in methods and expedients. We must be all things to all men, if by all means we would save some.

I greatly deprecate the introduction of any novel ceremonies or any new doctrine among us. It needs, I think, but a moderate degree of humility to induce a clergyman to refrain from introducing his private fancies into his official acts and teaching; and in those things where there is room for discretion, and even for taste, the little things which no directory of public worship can absolutely prescribe, things which may be done or left undone, I cannot understand the wisdom of forcing them upon a reluctant congregation, dubious of their propriety. Should danger from this quarter seem to threaten us, it will be my duty to warn you. At present our mistake is in defect and not in excess of reverence. Sometimes men stand talking in the church-yard until the service has been entered upon. Sometimes before the minister has risen from his knees after the benediction, conversation begins, and that in a loud voice. Sometimes two or three pause to converse right in the door-way, arresting the exit of many behind them. Sometimes the holy bread is taken into a gloved hand, compressed by the fingers and crumbled along the rail.

Such things, although not of frequent occurrence, do sometimes occur, and are very painful to see. But suppose, moreover, the clergyman enters the chancel with heedless manner and sordid vestment (surely there ought to be in all our parishes, as there are in some, a careful woman who will see that surplices are clean and whole); suppose he wears the aspect of unprepared-

ness, and has need to run his finger down the calendar in sight of all to find the lessons ; suppose that the wine used at the Holy Communion is, if foreign, so adulterated, or if domestic, so mean and sour as to be unpleasant to the taste ; suppose that when the service is ended, instead of a reverential pause while the elements remaining are consumed, the clergyman hastily disposes of them, leaves the table in disarray, and begins to exchange salutations at the chancel-rail, see you not how readily thoughtlessness may engender irreverence ?

I have purposely sketched this thoughtlessness in coarser lines than observation would often justify, in order to show, Brethren of the Clergy, how much depends upon ourselves. It is not enough that we avoid levity ; a profound gravity should accompany us to the sacred desk. The holy volumes should be handled with a reverence we show to no other books. Every possible provision should be made in advance for the celebration of Divine service, each lesson perused, and the pronunciation of each proper name ascertained ; and especially in the Holy Communion should we by the awe and restraint of our manner recognise a real presence, not indeed in or under any material form, but a presence most real because spiritual, and manifest to the eye of faith, of Him who is the Bread of Life.

The example of unaffected awe and solemnity in God's house of the clergyman himself ; the indefinable commingling of abstraction and of earnestness seen in one who has left his closet for the church, who has been praying to Almighty God that no verse of Holy Scripture might fail of its mark through his imperfect rendering, and that he might have *gracé* to stand in the pulpit stripped as it were of his personality with its whims and fancies — a voice only, not presuming to go beyond the word of the Lord to say less or more : such an example will greatly assist our endeavours to make our public assemblies so still and so solemn that the wandering thought shall be recalled and the careless ear be attent to hearken.

WORK IN THE DIOCESE.

Since I last addressed you, I have made many visits in all parts of the Diocese. Some of the clergy have not thought it best to present their classes for confirmation, which may partly account (but only in part) for the small numbers reported as

having received the laying on of hands. I have readily consented to defer my official visit to such Parishes until the autumn, partly because I would encourage the clergy in the most systematic and painstaking preparation of their candidates, and partly because I desire, hereafter, so to alternate my visits between the different seasons of the year as to avoid too great a multiplication of duties in the months just preceding the meeting of the Convention. The clergy of the Southern Convocation will please expect my official visitation of their Parishes in the months of November and December of this year.

I mentioned in my last address that "besides those Parishes on our list which have had for years but a nominal existence, five were vacant," all in the bounds of the Northern Convocation, four of the five being in Kent, and one in Cecil county. Thanks be to God, these vacancies have all been supplied. The Rev. H. A. Skinner has become Rector of Trinity Parish, Elkton, and the Rev. S. D. Hall of Shrewsbury Parish. St. Paul's and I. U. have united and secured the pastoral care of the Rev. C. J. Hendley, while St. Clement's has made the necessary provision to secure, as a temporary arrangement, the services of Dr. Ellwood, a candidate for Holy Orders, as Lay-Reader.

There are thus but two vacancies in the Diocese, each of which will soon be supplied, viz., St. Paul's, Centreville, and St. Stephen's, Cecil.

On the 18th of May I consecrated to the service of Almighty God a new building, which bears the name of Grace Church, on Taylor's Island, in Dorchester Parish. It is a substantial and handsome frame building, erected at a cost of \$3,500, and is a monument to the liberality and zeal of the few persons enlisted in it. The people were happy to welcome at that service four of the clergy who had ministered in Dorchester Parish, Messrs. Stearns, Hall, and Byran, besides Mr. Nott, the present Rector and Missionary.

It thus appears that church building has been resumed. A year ago St. James', Port Deposit, was completed; Grace Church, Taylor's Island, follows next; All Saints', in Talbot county, will be ready for use in a few weeks; St. Stephen's Church, in North Sassafra's Parish, is now being rebuilt in handsome style, and is to be ready for consecration by the 1st of October. These four churches cost more than \$24,000. A new church, which com-

pleted will cost \$4,000 or more, is under contract in Greensboro', Caroline county, while our Missionary at Denton, in the same county, has undertaken a humbler enterprise, a chapel to cost some \$1,500. His people have pledged \$1,000, and he looks to his brethren in the Diocese to furnish him the rest. Do but listen to his story and you will not have the heart to refuse.

Of the six churches thus enumerated, be it observed four are undertaken under the influence of Missionaries. Let us note the fact: our Diocesan Missionary arrangements have been in effective operation for little more than two years. We have employed six Missionaries; four of them have undertaken a new church building, and the fifth in Coventry Parish has the offer from one person of the ground and \$500 for a new church at Kingston. It is sorely needed: once I preached standing in the doorway of the present Chapel, and at a late visit the building did not accommodate half the persons assembled. Surely we have a right to be encouraged by our very brief experience in Diocesan Missions. *Every dollar we have thus far expended, is represented by two dollars invested in new houses of worship.*

But there is another side of the picture. On the 25th of July last I attended a festival, arranged by the Rev. Dr. Fulton, at Stepney Church, Green Hill, a venerable old building, sadly dilapidated. A large congregation assembled, and a sum of money was subscribed to save it from decay. In the same Parish is St. Mary's Chapel, Tyaskin, no longer open except for a Sunday afternoon once a month, which the Rector of Spring Hill has undertaken, in addition to his own extensive Parish work. The inhabitants are numerous; one hundred children at the public school near Tyaskin. Nowhere in the Diocese do such crowds of people come out to my services as in these lower counties. It moves one's heart to see in the throng that on any special occasion fills Spring Hill, Rehoboth, or Green Hill Church, how reverence for the old Church still lingers in the minds of the people. But the churches of Stepney Parish are closed, so also St. Matthew's, in the same county, and Grace Church, in Somerset. Crisfield, with a considerable population, has suddenly grown up in the same vicinity, and other neighbourhoods invite our presence. It is high time that we were making earnest efforts to recover the ground we have lost in the southern portion of the Peninsula.

We have all sympathised deeply with the people of Port Deposit in the serious loss and inconvenience they sustained, as well as in the weary anxieties they endured, during the ice-gorge of the past winter. Already, however, the town has resumed the appearance of its usual prosperity ; the Church shows no sign of injury, and the Missionary is encouraged in his work. I note the addition of a pulpit, which is the more to be valued, because it is the handiwork as well as the gift of a member of the Church. I much desire to see in every Church where there is room for it, a real pulpit set up. It is no more than a proper reverence for the ordinance of preaching, to assign it a place of its own in the arrangements of the chancel. Some attention to proper light and adjustment of height would be well bestowed. The obtrusion of a manuscript upon the notice of the congregation by the painful effort to follow it, is very much to be deprecated.

In the spiritual as in the material husbandry there are, in special localities, seasons of favour and blessing. It will give pain to none, I trust, if I select the Parish of Great Choptank for special mention by reason of the life it has exhibited. Seldom have I seen so interesting a class for confirmation as the young people presented to me in the Parish Church. I have rejoiced with my brother, the Rector, in the results exhibited at the Chapel in Castle Haven Neck. After many years of patient sowing he is now reaping abundantly.

While no considerable change has taken place in the Parish at Easton, I have been gratified at the large and devout attendance, especially during Lent, at which time it was my privilege to conduct some special services.

Having become last summer a resident in the town of Easton, I was applied to by some of the Church people to assist them in establishing suitable schools for their children. Several gentlemen organised themselves as a voluntary committee, assuming all the financial arrangements, and devolving on me the general oversight and direction. "The Bishop's Schools for Boys and Girls" thus established, have met with greater encouragement than we had any reason to expect. It is now proposed to open them next year upon a more substantial basis.

I have devoted much time and attention to these schools. I have conducted an occasional religious service with them, and moreover during Lent I delivered in both schools a series of

lectures on the Evidences of Christianity. These lectures were very simple and purposely uncontroversial. Surely it is an error to send our children out into the world without any knowledge of the plain reasons for believing in the genuineness and inspiration of the Holy Scriptures. I rejoice that something has been commenced in Easton promotive of Christian education.

CONFIRMATIONS.

Confirmations have been held in sixteen Parishes as follows :

St. Mary Anne's, Cecil County,	7
St. James, Port Deposit,	14
Trinity, Elkton,	4
Chester Parish, Kent County,	3
St. Paul's " Queen Anne's County,	1
Wye " " " " " "	6
St. Peter's " Talbot County,	12
Whitemarsh Parish, Talbot County,	6
St Michael's " " " " " "	9
Great Choptank Parish, Dorchester County,	25
East New Market " " " " "	1
Dorchester " " " " "	3
Spring Hill " Wicomico County,	3
Worcester " Worcester " "	6
Pocomoke " " " " "	8
Coventry " Somerset " "	5

One hundred and thirteen in all.

DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

The report of the Diocesan Missionary Board will put you in full possession of all the information connected with this department.

The future progress of the Diocese depends upon the zeal and alacrity with which these missions are sustained. The Board greatly desires to enlarge its operations, and we can readily do this if all of the clergy will unite to keep the matter constantly before the people as a claim that cannot be disregarded.

The contributions the past year have been irregular and spasmodic. Too much is postponed until Lent or the approach of Convention ; whereas the need is pressing, and the stipends fall due at regular periods. We have no business so important at

this time as that which will be suggested by the report of the Missionary Board.

I regret to add that we have not enough in the Treasury to meet our engagements on the first of July.

The several Convocations have duly nominated to me their presiding officers, and I have confirmed their nominations as follows :

The Rev. L. S. Russel, Dean of the Northern Convocation ; the Rev. T. P. Barber, Dean of the Middle Convocation, and the Rev. John Crosdale, Dean of the Southern Convocation.

The Deans thus appointed, together with two Laymen, to be chosen by the Convention, constitute the Missionary Board of the Diocese.

HOME OF THE FRIENDLESS.

The report of the Home of the Friendless will exhibit a very satisfactory state of affairs in that institution. It now rejoices in the possession of a handsome and commodious building. The ladies of the Board have expended very judiciously the means entrusted to them, and deserve to be sustained in their endeavour.

There was a time during the last year when the Home had neither funds nor supplies. In response to a circular letter, many of the Parishes furnished boxes containing food and clothing which were most serviceable. It will greatly promote the welfare of the Institution, if every Parish will send twice a year, besides its money subscriptions, a contribution in kind.

Of course money must be provided, and it is to be hoped each member of the Church will be mindful of this very important charity.

CLERGY LIST.

Before enumerating the changes in the list of the Clergy of the Diocese, I pause to make mention of one who came to us in his an old age, which seemed to us green and vigorous, and who was transferred back again to the Diocese of South Carolina, where his life had been spent, only when the disease of which he died had fastened itself upon him. I allude to the Rev. Paul Trapier, D.D., late Rector of Shrewsbury Parish, and Dean of the Northern Convocation.

Dr. Trapier was eminent for sound learning and assiduous devotion to the duties of his office. Whether as Rector of an influential city congregation, or Minister to the coloured people, as Professor of Theology, or Member of the General Convention, he was unremitting in attention to every interest entrusted to him. Most of all was he eminent for Christian goodness; he was singularly pure, devout, affectionate, unselfish. Self-indulgence never entered into his calculations. He has left a noble example to his children and to his brethren, and I hope the Diocese is better for the presence among us of one whose earnestness of purpose and genial courtesy of manner endeared him to all who knew him. Since the last Convention three of the clergy have left the Diocese, and taken Letters Dimissory to other Dioceses: the Rev. Aristides S. Smith, to the Diocese of Virginia; and the Rev. Thomas J. Billopp and the Rev. Ogle Marbury, to the Diocese of Maryland.

Four clergymen have been received into the Diocese by Letters Dimissory, viz: the Rev. Samuel D. Hall, the Rev. C. H. Williamson, M.D., the Rev. Henry A. Skinner, from the Diocese of Maryland; and the Rev. C. J. Hendley, from the Diocese of Missouri.

The Rev. S. H. S. Gallaudet accepted the Rectorship of St. Paul's Parish, Queen Anne's, but after a short residence there, resigned the charge, without becoming canonically resident in the Diocese.

I have admitted two candidates for Holy Orders, Mr. D. M. Ellwood, M.D., late a Congregational Minister, and Mr. Wordsworth S. Beaven, the son of one of our clergy.

It is proposed to hold an examination and ordination during the week succeeding the Convention. The examining Chaplains have divided the several subjects of examination among themselves as follows: to the Rev. Mr. Barber are assigned the Evidences of Christianity, Canon Law, and Church Polity; to the Rev. Mr. Stearns, Greek, the Prayer Book, and Systematic Theology; and to the Rev. Mr. Nott, Hebrew, Christian Ethics, and Church History. It is proposed to conduct these examinations deliberately and thoroughly, requiring of every young man who presents himself that he shall prove himself to be well informed upon the subjects of each examination.

SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL ACTS.

Confirmations	113
Church consecrated	1
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted	2
Clergy received into the Diocese	4
Clergy transferred to other Dioceses	3

OFFICIAL NOTICES AND CONSENTS.

I have given my official consent to the election, on the ground of "extent of territory," of an Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of North Carolina.

I have also assisted in the election of two Missionary Bishops and given my consent to their consecration.

The Right Reverend Dr. Hare, Missionary Bishop of Niobrara, completes the first hundred in the list of American Bishops. It is well fitting that he who closes up the first century of Bishops should be sent to the Indians, now emphatically the poor of the land. What will be his success we cannot tell: the problem is difficult, for the frontier adventurer loses his profit when the Indian rises above his degradation. Bishop Hare is sure to carry into his work a warm heart and an unflagging industry. The prayers of many will follow this our first Bishop to the Indians.

The Right Reverend Dr. Auer is eminently adapted by natural gifts and by missionary experience to assume the oversight of our Church work in Africa. He has been a faithful teacher: may he prove himself a diligent ruler.

By an interesting coincidence, just so soon as the House of Bishops had elected into its body a German, and one who was at first a Minister in connection with a German ecclesiastical body, its doors were opened to receive a delegation from German clergymen resident in this country, of different denominations, who came to ask that this Church would receive them into her bosom, giving to them a German Bishop, and conceding to them such privileges as their separate language required, and as may be entirely consistent with submission to the doctrine and discipline of our Communion. It was a grief to answer, however kindly, *non possumus*; canon law is in the way just now. But I much mistake if the matter shall be arrested here. I believe a way must be found, and will be found, to provide Episcopal supervision wherever the need of it is clearly indicated.

The legislation of the General Convention has tended steadily in favour of furnishing adequate Episcopal supervision. In 1868 a canon was passed facilitating the division of an overgrown Diocese into two or more Dioceses. In 1871 provision was made to authorise a Diocese unable to comply with the conditions necessary for division, to elect an Assistant Bishop for the reason of extent of territory. And I now lay before you a communication from the Secretary of the General Convention, proposing two amendments to the Constitution, by one of which a portion of an organised Diocese may be set off as a Missionary jurisdiction.

It deserves to be noticed that one of these amendments passed by default of the House of Bishops, who did not act upon it in three days. It is by the same default, which it seems impossible to avoid in the press and hurry of business, that several important laws have passed the General Convention. Many of the Bishops, myself among them, deem this a harsh provision, and not consistent with that influence in counsel to which the Bishops of the Church are justly entitled. Surely it is not creditable to any branch of the Church Catholic that in passing measures of importance, it has ignored the judgment of its spiritual fathers.

I lay before you a communication to the Presiding Bishop from the Bishop of Winchester, proposing some expression of reverence for the late Bishop of Capetown and Metropolitan of South Africa. There are too many pecuniary demands upon us to permit us as a Diocese to lend our aid in the manner suggested, but we may well express our admiration for the character of that true-hearted Prelate. His suffragan, Dr. Colenso, whom the Bishops at Lambeth united to disclaim, was indeed able to resist Bishop Gray in the civil courts; he has just published a book of nine hundred pages to prove that the Pentateuch is a forgery: but the energy and courage of the late Metropolitan have availed greatly to guard the Church against the pestilence of his false teaching.

I have received notices of Deposition from the Holy Ministry as follows:

Charles S. Stick, by the Bishop of Central Pennsylvania; Jessie A. Penniman, by the Bishop of New Jersey; William W. Hibben, by the Bishop of Indiana; William M. Salt and James Kent Stone, by the Bishop of Western New York.

I have in this address spoken in cheerful terms of the Diocese and its affairs: for I do believe that there is in general a deepening of the religious life that is in us. The preciousness of that brotherly love which exists unimpaired among us, no words can describe. I sometimes try to realise with what uneasiness a Bishop must anticipate the meeting of a Convention where discord and faction and the desire of preferment mar its unity and distract its counsels. But I come to you year by year with no apprehension mingling with the pleasant anticipations of reunion. Can I be mistaken in supposing that you, my brethren of all orders, are being more and more knit together in the bonds of mutual confidence and sympathy? If it were needed to secure the continuance of this brotherliness, what sacrifices should each one in each order be ready to make, sacrifices even of feeling and of opinion. I have no striking story of results in the Diocese to tell; but it is with profoundest thanks to Almighty God that I find myself able honestly, with no reserve or concealment, to say to you as St. Paul said to the Thessalonians: "As touching brotherly love, ye need not that I write unto you, for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another. And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia; but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more."

Some things I could wish otherwise than they are. You have often heard my lamentation, and I can scarce renew it too often, over the spirit of narrow congregationalism which seemed so thoroughly ingrained into many of our parishes. The Gospel is not preached to the poor; the glory of God is not kept in the forefront as the end and aim of parochial organisation and of all Church work. The benefits of the Church are confined within the limits of those who defray the expenses and claim all the services.

Surely the day will come when we will not longer endure the thought of passing in the road, day by day, men for whom we have no room and make no room, and who, for any interest we show in them, may choose life or death without pain or pleasure to us. Surely the day must come, a Pentecostal day, the answer to long years of prayer and labour, when our vestries and our lay-people will awake with a start, and realise that men must not be left to perish, or even to pine, because they cannot or will not take a pew. Oh let our ears once be open to the blessedness of that

word, "Come ye blessed . . . I was a stranger," and our conventionalities will be swept away ; we will blush to think that for the sake of family association or a cushioned seat we parcelled out God's house among a favoured few ; the wealthiest will in honor prefer the sons of labour, and the house of God will be in truth a house of prayer for all people.

Pews and pew rent more than anything else fix the caste-character upon us. The evil is chronic ; it cannot be violently done away with. But every Christian whose eyes God has opened should plead for the freedom of the courts of God.

And that other thing I lament is, that the clergy, owing to a natural diffidence, which however the sense of responsibility ought to overcome, and owing partly to avoidance on the part of the people, who regard us too much as preachers with no office towards them beyond the pulpit,—I hardly know how it is or why it is that our clergy do not carry their message as they might to individuals, do not make special proffer of God's pardon and love to individual sinners, do not grapple with the individual conscience, do not bind up the wounds of the individual soul.

Suppose each Priest had a list of his parishioners ever at hand ; each week considering whom to approach and how to approach him ; suppose that he prayed for each, and said to the reluctant, I must watch for your soul, for I am to give an account of it ; your blood must not rest upon my hands — suppose we all united to do this, is it conceivable that as the result of a year's labour of twenty-three working clergy : and two thousand communing laymen, all hearts should remain obdurate except a hundred or a hundred and fifty who consented to renew their baptismal vows ?

We must ever be purposing to lead a new life : this is the law alike for the saintliest Christian and for the best-ordered diocese. Let us all resolve to begin anew, so soon as this Convention is over. Let us try the power of prayerful, painstaking, systematic efforts to reach sinful men one by one ; let us not be weary in well-doing, and we have abundant warrant that the Lord will give us a far more abundant harvest.

The Convention has heretofore very kindly invited me to take order as I might think best for such public services as may secure to us spiritual profit during our assembling together. In addition to our daily services, morning and afternoon, I have arranged for a Missionary Meeting to be held on Thursday even-

ing, and also for a service such as we are wont to have at our Convocations on Friday evening. On this occasion several of the clergy will speak to us of The Celestial Country: the end of our Wanderings and the Consummation of our Hopes.

God in His mercy grant that having this promise of rest, none of us may seem to come short of it. May our work be so performed that amid its ransomed multitudes we may find not a few who were on earth the objects of our prayers and of our loving solicitude!

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Crosdale, it was

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address, as refers to the communication from the Bishop of Winchester, be referred to a Special Committee.

The President announced the following as said Committee:

The Revs. Messrs. Crosdale and Skinner, and Mr. Adkins.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Barber, it was

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address, as refers to a communication from the Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies of the General Convention, be referred to the Committee on Canons.

Mr. Seth, in the absence of the Treasurer of the Convention, presented the annual report of that officer.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Dashiell, the Report of the Treasurer was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

The Rev. Dr. Fulton offered the following Resolution, which, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Stearns, was referred to the Committee on Parochial Contributions, viz:

Resolved, That the arrears of assessment for Convention Fund, due from St. Matthew's Parish, be remitted, and also all the arrears previous to the present year from Stepney Parish, be remitted.

Mr. R. C. Mackall offered the following Resolution, which, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Stearns, was referred in like manner:

Resolved, That the arrears of assessment for Convention Fund, due from St. Augustine Parish, be remitted.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Jos. B. Seth, a like disposition was made of the arrears due from Holy Trinity Church, Oxford, and Wye Parish, (Queen Anne and Talbot counties.)

Mr. J. L. Adkins, from the Board of Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, presented their report, together with his own report

as Treasurer, which, on motion of Mr. Carmichael, were referred to the Committee on the Episcopal Fund.

On motion, the Convention then adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING, *June 5, 1873.*

After Prayers by the Bishop, the Convention was called to order. The roll called, Messrs. Legg, McKenney, White and Woolford, in addition to members present yesterday. The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The Rev. Mr. Nott presented the following petition, which, on motion of the Secretary, was referred to the Committee on the Admission of New Parishes:

The undersigned, Rector of Dorchester Parish, Dorchester County, by authority and on behalf of the Vestry of said Parish, respectfully asks leave for said Vestry and others to organize a separate Congregation, by the name of Grace Church, at Taylor's Island, within the limits of said Parish, they having a commodious house of worship on said Island, at a distance of ten miles from the Parish Church.

JOHN W. NOTT.

June 5, 1873.

The Rev. Mr. Stearns, from the Committee on Admission of New Parishes, offered a Resolution granting the petition just referred, which Resolution did not prevail.

Mr. Henry, from the Special Committee to correspond with the Rev. Dr. Allen, in regard to the purchase of his manuscript Histories of the Parishes in this Diocese, made a verbal report, and on his motion, it was

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed by the Chair, to place a value upon the manuscript Histories of the Parishes in the Diocese, by the Rev. Dr. Allen, and to devise some mode of raising the necessary means to pay for the same.

The President announced the following as the Committee: the Rev. Mr. Wattson, and Messrs. Westcott and Goldsborough.

On motion, the Convention took the appointed recess for Divine Service.

On resuming the business session of the Convention, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Dashiell, it was

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on the Episcopal Fund, and the Report of the Committee on Parochial Contributions, be made the order of the day on to-morrow, at 9.30 A. M.

12 M. The hour having arrived for the election of the Standing Committee and other officers of the Convention,

The Rev. Mr. Wattson nominated the present Standing Committee, viz: the Rev. John Crosdale, the Rev. Theo. P. Barber, the Rev. John O. Barton, the Rev. Erastus F. Dashiell, and the Rev. Robt. Wilson.

The President appointed the Rev. Mr. Fitzhugh and Mr. Spilman, Tellers.

Mr. Carmichael, from the Committee on Elections, presented the name of Mr. Wm. McKenney as a Lay Delegate, entitled to a seat.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Fulton, it was

Resolved, That when this Convention adjourns *sine die*, it adjourn to meet in St. Peter's Church, Salisbury.

The Rev. Mr. Barber nominated Mr. Thomas Hughlett as Treasurer of the Convention. There being no other nominations, the ballot was dispensed with, and the nomination confirmed.

The Rev. Mr. Bryan nominated the Rev. Mr. Barber as Registrar of the Diocese. There being no other nomination, the ballot was dispensed with, and the nomination confirmed.

On the nomination of the Rev. Mr. Barton, Mr. J. L. Adkins, M. D., and Mr. Jos. E. M. Chamberlaine, M. D., were elected members of the Diocesan Missions Committee.

On the nomination of the Rev. Mr. Stearns, Messrs. J. L. Adkins, M. D., Richard B. Carmichael, H. H. Dashiell, Geo. R. Goldsborough, E. L. F. Hardcastle, Wm. S. Walker, and Charles Lowndes were re-elected Trustees of the Episcopal Fund.

On the nomination of the Rev. Mr. Wattson, the Rev. Mr. Roberts was elected a member of the Ecclesiastical Court, to fill a vacancy occasioned by the removal from the Diocese of the Rev. A. S. Smith.

On the nomination of the Rev. Mr. Stearns, the Convention proceeded to elect a Board of Managers and a Council of Advice, for the Home of the Friendless Children of the Eastern Shore. [See list in Appendix.]

The Rev. Mr. Wilson, from the Council of Advice of the Home of the Friendless, read the reports of the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Managers.

The Tellers on the vote for the members of the Standing Committee, reported the following as having a majority of the votes cast: the Rev. Messrs. Crosdale, Barber, Barton, Dashiell, Wilson.

The Rev. Mr. Dashiell, from the Special Committee on the Vestry Law of this State, reported as follows:

The Committee appointed at the last Convention to examine the subject of the Vestry Law of this Diocese, and report to this Convention what said law really is, beg leave to report that it has been impracticable to get a meeting of the Committee till since the opening of this Convention, and that the time remaining during its brief session is insufficient for a thorough examination. They therefore beg leave to submit the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee be continued, with power to compile and publish such portions of the Vestry Law of 1798 as are still in force, and also that portion of the Code of 1868 relating to Religious Corporations, or such parts thereof as they may deem expedient, together with brief forms of proceeding in applications for the incorporation of New Parishes or Separate Congregations; and that the Chairman of the Committee be authorized to draw on the Treasurer of the Convention for the expense of publication, to an amount not exceeding fifty dollars.

ERASTUS F. DASHIELL,
E. J. STEARNS,
RICHARD B. CARMICHAEL,
DANIEL M. HENRY.

The Resolution reported by the Committee was adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Barber, Registrar of the Diocese, reported as follows:

The Registrar of the Diocese respectfully reports very considerable results, for the last twelvemonth, in fulfilling the trust assigned to him.

The first endeavor has been directed, of course, to the collection of old Journals, and other documents, containing the History of the Church in Maryland.

With the kind assistance of several Brethren, the Registrar has procured all the Journals of the mother Diocese, in good preservation, from the year 1813 to this date, with the single exception of the Journal for 1824. There is also in his possession a very valuable list of Episcopal charges, pamphlets, and printed sermons, besides several Journals of a very early date.

At the instance of the Diocesan, a special mention is due to the thoughtful kindness and courtesy of the Bishop of Maryland, in presenting to our Bishop (with reversion to his successors in office) of a series of Journals of the Maryland Diocese, bound in volumes, extending from the year 1813 to 1860, the only deficiency being for the year 1820.

It is proper to note also that the Library of St. Peter's Parish, Easton, contains, with Bioren's republication, a complete set of the Journals of the General Convention, with the exception of the Journal for 1838.

With the sum appropriated at the last Convention, several volumes have been neatly and uniformly bound under the title, "Records of the Diocese of Easton"; and the aid of Brethren throughout the Diocese is earnestly requested in enlarging our collection.

Respectfully submitted,

THEO. P. BARBER, *Registrar.*

The Rev. Dr. Fulton, from the Committee on Canons, reported as follows :

The Committee on Canons and other Business, to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Annual Address, as referred to the proposed amendments of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, respectfully report, that,

Whereas, In their opinion, there is nothing in the proposed amendments objectionable ; and

Whereas, It is not necessary that this Convention should take any action upon the subject. The Committee passed the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Canons be discharged from the further consideration of the subject above-mentioned.

THEO. P. BARBER,
WM. FULTON,
DAN'L M. HENRY.

The Resolution was thereupon adopted.

Mr. Massey, from the Committee of Accounts, reported :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS.

The Treasurer has \$43.60 in hand, having paid \$851.65 for the year 1872 and 1873.

It will require \$570.00 to meet the expenses of next year — 1873-74.

Should the assessments be collected, the Treasurer will be able to meet all demands, if the Convention sanction no unusual expenditure.

C. H. B. MASSEY,
ROBT. L. SPILMAN.

June 6, 1873.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Stearns, it was

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Treasurer, in regard to an increase of the assessments on the Parishes for the Convention Fund, be referred to the Committee on Parochial Contributions.

On motion, the Convention then adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

8 P. M.

This being the hour appointed for a Missionary Meeting, Missionary Addresses were made by the Rev. Mr. Wilson, the Rev. Dr. Fulton, the Rev. Mr. Stearns, and Mr. Mackall.

On resuming business, the order of the day being the Annual Report of the Diocesan Missions Board, the Rev. Mr. Barber submitted the following :

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

In presenting their Annual Report, the Board of Missions are persuaded that while a clear, definite statement of the work in all its aspects is due to the Diocese, that very fullness and fidelity of statement will constitute the strongest claim upon the prayers, the sympathy, and offerings of our members.

We are, in fact, a Missionary Diocese. That department of Christian effort, which is represented by this Board, is essential to the very existence of the Diocese as to the spiritual life of each member. In this endeavor, if we have not the mind of Christ, and do not manifest the power of His example, it is impossible that we have *any* part in Him.

Actual Condition.

1. It is very needful that both Ministers and Laymen should fully understand what our Board are *now* accomplishing, what they *hope* to accomplish hereafter, if properly sustained.

The report of the Treasurer is herewith submitted : It appears that the actual amount received during the year — increased by the balance of \$725.28 from previous year — is \$2,200.10, while the amount thus far expended, is \$1,960.00. The balance — increased by a few payments at this Convention — is \$368.10, subject to another quarter's salary for each Missionary on first of July.

By this exhibit a small deficiency will occur at that date, unless further contributions are previously made.

The appropriations have been —

To Rev. Mr. Hoskins, \$300.00 ; to Rev. Mr. Stearns, \$300.00 ; to Rev. Mr. Beaven, \$200.00 ; to Rev. Mr. Martin, \$325.00 ; to Rev. Mr. Crosdale, \$400.00 ; to Rev. Mr. Nott, \$150.00 ; to Rev. Mr. Bryan, \$50.00. To a theological student, who had nearly completed his course, the remaining sum has been allotted.

When we thus present the names of the laborers employed in the Master's work, through the agency of this Board, no further assurance will be required in this Body of their fidelity and efficiency. The reports of these faithful brethren will be found on the pages of the Journal, with detail of services rendered and results accomplished or hoped for. These reports afford encour-

agement for renewed effort, entire confidence, and most liberal expenditure. It is only necessary to recall a single fact announced by the Bishop in his Address. That fact is most suggestive : it will bear repetition. The amount actually represented in the new Churches, erected as a direct consequence of our Mission effort, is double the sum of all the contributions of the Diocese thus far to this cause. Two Churches have been already consecrated. Two more will be completed the next twelvemonth ; another is in prospect.

Hindrances.

But the Committee are greatly concerned in view of the very fitful, irregular, unreliable mode of contribution which most of the Parishes have adopted. Every brother can readily apprehend that the offerings ought to be forwarded with regularity and promptness. There is a necessity for thorough system in our Parish collections. It is desirable to be informed in advance what the annual contribution of each Parish will be, else how can the Committee allot judiciously the proportionate amount to each laborer ? Moreover, the Treasurer is required to forward one-fourth of the stipend each quarter. But if the Parishes remit only in the last third of the year, holding back for Easter or the approach of Convention before they urge this claim, the inconvenience and the danger of failure are obvious.

If, then, the entire amount pledged cannot be forwarded during the first half of the year, may not three or four payments at regular intervals be arranged ?

Earnestly, therefore, the Committee commend to all their brethren the plan of *regular systematic* contributions. We do not prescribe one invariable method for all the congregations ; in this proposal we should transcend our province. But we do urgently insist upon the advantage of a plan — a system, and a careful adherence to that system in each Parish.

Amount Requested for the Ensuing Year.

The Committee must ask for enhanced contributions during the ensuing year, and they cannot propose a less increase than \$500.00. The sum of \$2,500.00 is actually needed to the proper discharge of this trust, and can be expended most advantageously.

To abridge the operations of the Board, where they are now so successfully conducted, is a proposition to which no one would listen. Yet there are several now unoccupied and most inviting localities in the Southern Convocation whose claim can be deferred no longer. The opportunity is lost, if we delay.

The Address of the Bishop on yesterday, explains fully the pressing need and appealing attitude of several sections in Wicomico and Somerset. In past generations, the Church held all this ground ; her possession was undisputed. And even now the memory of the Mother Church and the hallowed associations of her sanctuaries, linger in the minds of many, and dispose them to welcome our services. Shall we permit this favorable sentiment to expire ? Shall we neglect so clear and inviting opportunity ? Is there any plea which will justify delay ?

As the result of much thought and a careful comparison of views, we unite in requesting some positive action. In our opinion, a sum representing the minimum of one dollar from each Communicant, is the least amount which the emergency demands.

Let us shun the refuge of vague and general resolves, while we place our Missionary operations upon a clear, sure basis. Action commensurate with the vital interest involved and the pressing appeals of the hour, is imperatively required.

The Committee propose the following Resolutions :

Resolved, That in order to meet the present emergency in the Missionary work of the Diocese, an assessment is hereby made upon each Parish, of an annual sum representing one dollar from each Communicant.

Resolved, That promptness and regularity in collecting and transmitting the offerings of each Parish, is essential to the proper administration of our Mission work.

Resolved, That the Envelope System, providing the pledge of a fixed amount, in three or more payments each year, from every Communicant, is, in the opinion of the Convention, a most convenient and sure method of collection.

The Rev. Mr. Dashiell submitted the following as a substitute for the Resolutions accompanying the Report :

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Rector and Vestry of each Parish to obtain from each Communicant and as many other of the Members of the Parish as they may be able, a pledge to contribute annually a fixed sum towards the Missionary enterprises of the Diocese of Easton.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Rector and Vestry of each Parish, to put in the hands of each person, so pledging themselves, to contribute to Diocesan Missions, three envelopes, numbered in accordance with the slip containing their pledge, and marked with the date of the three several days on which it may be determined to take up an offering for Diocesan Missions.

The Rev. Mr. Wilson moved the reference of these Resolutions to a special Committee of three, to report to-morrow morning, after the order of the day.

The Chair announced the following as said Committee: Rev. Mr. Wilson, Rev. Dr. Fulton, and Mr. Mackall.

Mr. Woolford, from the Committee on Parochial Contributions, submitted the following :

The Committee on Parochial Contributions recommend the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the assessments in arrear and due by St. Augustine Parish, St. Matthew's Parish, Stepney Parish, and Holy Trinity Church, and one-half of the amount due by Wye Parish, for years 1868, 1869, 1870, and 1871, be remitted by this Convention.

Which is respectfully submitted,

LEVIN WOOLFORD,
JOSEPH B. SETH,
WILLIAM M. KNIGHT, *Committee.*

Which Resolution was adopted.

On motion, the Convention then adjourned.

THIRD DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, *June 6, 1873.*

After appropriate religious services, the Rev. John Crosdale, President of the Standing Committee, by request of the Bishop, called the Convention to order.

The roll was called, and proceedings of last meeting read and approved.

The Rev. Mr. Dashiell, from the Committee on the Episcopal Fund, submitted the following Report:

The Committee on the Episcopal Fund, beg leave to report, that they have examined the Report of the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, and also the report of the Treasurer of the same.

The Committee earnestly endorse the recommendation of the Trustees, that prompt means be adopted to collect the arrears and dues. We consider this an all important and pressing necessity, and recommend that a Special Agent be employed to visit every Parish in the Diocese, and urge upon the attention of subscribers to this Fund, the importance of meeting the obligations they voluntarily assumed. Experience has demonstrated the advantage of a personal application to delinquents.

The Report of the Treasurer explains itself, and demands the serious consideration of the Convention.

Your Committee think with the Board of Trustees, that no unusual risks should be taken in the investment of this Fund, in order to secure a present advantage. This expedient has been in a great measure forced upon the Trustees, by the failure of subscribers to meet their solemn obligations.

We beg not to be understood as reflecting upon the past management of the Trustees and Treasurers, as they have justly merited the entire confidence of the Convention, for the ability and zeal with which they have administered this important trust.

Resolved, That this Convention appoint a Special Agent for the collection of the Episcopal Fund.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ERASTUS F. DASHIELL,
R. C. MACKALL,
WM. MCKENNEY.

On motion, the Resolution was adopted, and on the nomination of Mr. Mackall, the Rev. Mr. Wilson was elected Agent for the collection of the Episcopal Fund.

Mr. Seth, from the Committee on Parochial Contributions, submitted their Report. [See Appendix.]

Mr. Henry submitted a Canon, relating to duties of Vestries, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Canons.

11 A. M. On motion, the Convention took a recess, to attend Divine service.

On resuming the business session, the Bishop of the Diocese took the chair.

The Rev. Mr. Wilson, from the Special Committee, to whom was referred the Resolution offered by the Board of Diocesan Missions, together with the substitute, submitted the following Resolutions, which, on motion, were adopted :

Resolved, That this Convention earnestly request the Rector and Vestry of each Parish, to endeavor to obtain from every member of their Congregation or Congregations, a pledge to contribute annually a fixed sum towards the funds of the Diocesan Missionary Board.

Resolved, That this Convention further request the Rector and Vestry of each Parish, to put into the hands of every person so pledged, a certain number of envelopes, each marked with the date of the several periods at which it may be deemed expedient to take up the said offering.

Resolved, That the Rector of each Parish is earnestly requested to report to the Secretary of the Board of Missions (Rev. Mr. Barber) the amount which may be reasonably expected from his Parish before the 15th of July.

The Rev. Mr. Wattson, from the Special Committee to whom was referred the propriety of purchasing the Rev. Dr. Allen's manuscript Histories of the Parishes in this Diocese, recommend the purchase at \$500.00, the amount to be raised by voluntary subscriptions, and submitted the following Resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Registrar of the Diocese be requested to take the manuscript History, prepared by Rev. Ethan Allen, D.D., and the subscription entered upon for the payment of the author, and forward the money as realized therefrom to him, until the amount of five hundred dollars be reached.

The Rev. Mr. Skinner, from the Committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address, as refers to the communication from the Bishop of Winchester to the Presiding Bishop, and forwarded to the Bishop of this Diocese, submitted the following Report :

The Committee to whom was entrusted the consideration of that portion of the Bishop's Address which referred to the late Metropolitan of South Africa, and to the subject-matter of the letter communicated by our venerable Presi-

ding Bishop from the Lord Bishop of Winchester, would respectfully report to the Convention :

That as regards the contribution of funds toward either of the objects proposed by the Bishop of Winchester, they regret that they must entirely concur with our Diocesan, that in view of the many and urgent needs of this young Diocese and of Domestic and Foreign Missions, now pressing upon us, such a thing would be quite impracticable.

Your Committee, however, feel that whilst they cannot recommend any pecuniary aid from the Diocese for the worthy objects proposed, yet it is eminently proper to give expression to the lively sympathy which we must entertain for any movement intended to do honor to the name and labors of Dr. Grey, the great and saintly Metropolitan of Capetown, who stood forth in his latter years on behalf not only of his own See, or of the Anglican Church, but of the Church Catholic, as the fearless defender of the One Faith against the treachery of the heretical Colenso.

His heroic struggle is sufficiently fresh in our memories. All Christendom must know the story : how the bold heresies of Colenso startled the calm of the Anglican Communion like a lightning-stroke from a cloudless sky ; how he was arraigned by Dr. Grey, and convicted of false teaching before a duly constituted Ecclesiastical Court ; how he was thereupon excommunicated and deprived of his titles and jurisdiction ; how the spiritual validity of his sentence was and is fully recognized by the Church of England and by our own ; and how he defeated his Superior in the civil courts, and now, under the protection, alas ! of law and of a so-called Christian State, retains his dignities and emoluments, and still uses his usurped position and the property of the Church to defy spiritual authority and to publish his poisonous teachings. Our Mother Church, in the Lambeth Conference of 1867, and our own, in the General Convention of 1868, solemnly and amply sanctioned the sentences pronounced upon Dr. Colenso, and stamped with their fullest approbation the course taken by Dr. Grey. Thus, while the arch-heretic is sustained in his rebellion by civil power and human laws, the results of Dr. Grey's zeal and courage are most real and apparent ; for by his means one of the boldest, and at the same time most insidious heresies of modern times, has been unmasked, and the power of its author for further mischief has received a decided check.

Considering these facts and the magnitude of the interests which they represent, your Committee would suggest, as the least that we can do, that this Convention should send, through the hands of our own Bishop, to the Bishop of Winchester, some distinct impression of their high veneration for the character and achievements of the late Metropolitan of South Africa, and their hearty sympathy with the proposed plans for carrying on his cherished works and perpetuating his precious memory.

Your Committee therefore offer the following

RESOLUTION.

In response to the Letter of the Lord Bishop of Winchester, dated April 2d, 1873, addressed to the Venerable Presiding Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and by him communicated to our Diocesan,

We, the Convention of the Diocese of Easton, do hereby —

Resolve, That, whilst in consequence of the urgent claims of numerous objects nearer home, we regret that we cannot now pledge any pecuniary aid to the plans presented by the Bishop of Winchester in that letter to honor the memory and complete the works of the great departed Metropolitan of Capetown, Dr. Grey; yet we desire to express to the Bishop of Winchester our entire sympathy with the movement referred to, as also our hearty wishes for its success;

While we most gladly avail ourselves of an occasion so opportune as the present to place on record our high veneration for the character of the late Prelate, and our appreciation of his magnanimous and courageous defence of the Holy Faith of Christendom against the heretical assaults of the late Bishop of Natal.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

[Signed]

H. A SKINNER,
JOHN CROSDALE,
J. L. ADKINS, *Committee*.

CHESTERTOWN, *June 6, 1873.*

The Rev. Mr. Crosdale, from the Committee on Parish Bounds, submitted the following Report :

The Committee appointed to prepare and report to this Convention an Act defining and adjusting the bounds of the Parishes in the Diocese, respectfully reports, that owing to various other reasons, as well as to the extreme difficulty in procuring a meeting of the Committee previous to Convention, they have been unable at this time to prepare such a report as would be either satisfactory or useful to the Diocese.

Before they could arrange the bounds of the respective Parishes, so as to conform as far as practicable with natural boundaries and civil divisions, or comply with the other requirements of the Resolutions under which they were appointed, it was manifestly necessary that they should be able to ascertain, with some reasonable degree of certainty, the existing lines of the different Parishes. Many of these they have been successful in obtaining, but in other instances, with the most careful research on the part of several of its members, the Committee have so far entirely failed to ascertain even the supposed existing bounds.

Sufficient progress has been made, however, to justify the Committee in expressing the hope, that should it be the pleasure of the Convention to continue the Committee, results can be arrived at previous to the next Annual Convention, which will enable them to accomplish the object for which they were appointed.

JOHN CROSDALE,
WM. S. WALKER,
GEO. R. GOLDSBOROUGH,
DANIEL M. HENRY,
LEVIN WOOLFORD,
R. C. MACKALL.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Stearns, the Committee was continued, to report at the next Annual Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Barber, from the Special Committee on Relief

of Disabled Clergymen and Families of Deceased Clergymen, submitted the following Report and Canon, which, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Stearns, was referred to the Committee on Canons:

On Page 41 of the Journal of last year, is noted the appointment of a Special Committee, to whom is assigned the duty of suggesting some plan for aiding the families of Deceased Clergymen and the Superannuated or Infirm Pastors, no longer capable of active service in the Holy Ministry.

Two most worthy and desirable objects are named in the Resolution: one referring to the necessities of the families of Deceased Clergymen, and the other invoking active sympathy in behalf of Infirm and Disabled Pastors.

There can be no question of the solemn obligation and high privilege of the Diocese in either particular. Moreover, the Diocese has deliberately acknowledged and assumed the duty, in the passage of the Resolution under which your Committee is appointed. Immediate and decisive action is now requisite. The claim is imperative, the appeal is most urgent: delay would be unwise.

In regard to the first-named of these objects, a provision for the destitute families of Deceased Ministers, two simple and most efficient agencies have been established for those Clergymen who *can avail themselves* of their advantages. To Clergymen of our Diocese, a singular and remarkably favorable opportunity for Life Insurance is given in "The Corporation for Relief of the Widows and Children of the Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church" in Maryland. The considerable fund already accumulated and securely invested by this Corporation, enables it to offer special facilities to its members. It would require many years and large munificence to establish among ourselves, a new organization proffering equal advantages.

The Committee would also commend most highly the General Institution, "*The Clergymen's Mutual League*," as embracing a system most admirable for simplicity, economy, and convenience. But it is our deliberate conviction that, in simple justice, the dues to the Mutual League should be paid from the contributions of the people, and not from the limited stipends of the Clergy. We would earnestly urge upon every Parish the duty of ensuring to its Minister the advantages of the League, and of authorizing, by express stipulation, the payment of his dues from the Parish funds or the Offertory.

Your Committee, however, cannot too urgently call attention to the fact, that while both the above-named methods are invaluable to the Clergy, they are altogether aside from the object we have now in view. They are simply methods of Life Insurance. But we are devising a plan by which the Diocese of Easton may recognize and perform her high duty of making provision for those of her Ministers, who have become infirm or disabled in the Lord's service, and for the families of those who have given their lives to the cause. This obligation is entirely independent of any plan which the Clergy may adopt for mutual benefit, and we can recognize no distinction between the two departments of duty.

The General Convention, it is true, has organized a fully empowered and duly incorporated Committee to this end. But, after all, this provision must

be inadequate; nor does it touch the principle, that *every Diocese is bound to make provision from her own resources*, for those of *her own* Clergy who have grown old, or become disabled in the Master's service, and for their families when they have passed away. We therefore recommend the following :

CANON OF TRUSTEES OF RELIEF FUND OF THE DIOCESE.

I. There shall be elected annually by the Convention, two Presbyters and two Laymen, to constitute with the Bishop as Chairman, *ex-officio*, the Trustees of the Relief Fund of the Diocese.

II. The Trustees shall have full charge of all funds contributed and provided for relief of aged and disabled Clergymen, and the widows and orphans of Clergymen in this Diocese.

III. There shall be an annual collection on Whit Sunday, in every Parish or Congregation of this Diocese, in aid of this Fund.

Bequests and individual offerings may also be received.

IV. The Trustees shall set aside all bequests, specific gifts, and such portions of yearly collections as may not be appropriated for purposes of relief, to form a Permanent Fund, the principal of which shall be invested and preserved intact. The interest accruing from such Permanent Fund, together with such portion of the regular Parochial collections as may be needed, shall be annually appropriated by the Trustees, in their discretion, for the purpose of relief.

On motion, the Resolutions were referred to the Committee on Canons.

The Rev. Mr. Barber submitted a Report of the Committee on Canons, favoring the adoption of the proposed Canon, whereupon the Canon of Trustees of the Relief Fund of the Diocese, as recommended and reported, was adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Mitchell :

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Convention pay the Sexton of this Church, the sum of ten dollars, for his services during the meeting of the Convention.

On motion, the Rev. Mr. Skinner, Mr. Mackall, and Mr. Knight were excused from further attendance on this Convention.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Mitchell :

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay the Secretary of this Convention the sum of \$25.00, for the expense of transcribing and distributing the Journal.

Resolved, That seven hundred and fifty copies of the Journal be published.

On motion, the Convention then adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

After suitable devotions, the Bishop announced that several Clergymen would address the Convention and the Congregation, upon a theme selected by him, viz., "The Heavenly Country." The Rev. Mr. Stearns spoke of Heavenly Rest, the Rev. Mr. Dashiell of Heavenly Brotherhood, the Rev. Dr. Fulton of Heavenly Worship, and the Rev. Mr. Williamson of the Beatific Vision.

Resuming business, on motion of Rev. Dr. Fulton, an election of Trustees of the Relief Fund of the Diocese was ordered, and the Rev. Messrs. Barber and Dashiell, and Messrs. H. H. Dashiell and Wm. S. Walker, were thereupon elected.

The Rev. Mr. Barber, from the Committee on Canons, submitted the following Report:

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the proposed Canon, "The duty of Vestries," &c., beg leave to report. They recommend the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the following be adopted as the Canon:

OF THE DUTY OF VESTRIES, TO MAKE REPORT TO THE CONVENTION OF
THE DIOCESE.

It shall be the duty of each Vestry, through the Registrar or Treasurer, to report to each Annual Convention,

1. The condition of the property of the Parish, if it possesses endowment, together with any changes or improvements made therein.
2. The condition of the Church Buildings and Rectory, and whether insured or not, and to what amount.
3. The amount of salary pledged to the Rector or Minister, and the amount actually paid.

The Secretary of the Convention shall, at least thirty days before each Annual Session, issue circulars, calling the attention of each Registrar or Treasurer of a Parish to this Canon, and such reports shall be presented by the Secretary to the Convention on the second day of each session.

On motion, the Canon was adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Wilson, from the Committee on the State of the Church, submitted their Report. [See Appendix.]

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Mitchell, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention are due, and are hereby tendered, to the citizens of Chestertown, for their hospitality, and to the Rector and Vestry of this Parish, for the use of their Church, and for their considerate attention to the comfort and convenience of its members.

On motion of the same, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad, (including Delaware Road,) Kent County Railroad, Maryland and Chester River Steamboat Companies, for their kindness in furnishing transportation to its members at reduced fares.

The Rev. Mr. Stearns moved, that after reading the Minutes, and after appropriate religious services, the Convention adjourn *sine die*, which motion prevailed.

The Minutes were read and approved. The members of the Convention united in singing the *Gloria in Excelsis*, proper collects and prayers were said by the Bishop, and after the benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

HENRY C. LAY,
President, ex-officio.

JAS. L. BRYAN,
Secretary.

WILLIAM S. WALKER,
Assistant Secretary.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

CAROLINE COUNTY.

St. John's Parish.

S. H. Y. Mansfield and John W. Holt, Wardens.

James B. Bishop, F. T. Barton, E. M. Bonwill, J. P. Manlove, Dr. G. W. Goldsborough, W. C. Satterfield, J. W. Holt, Dr. P. S. Reynolds, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Infant, 18; Marriages, 6; Burials, 11; Holy Communion administered, 12.

Communicants, removed, 1; present number, 45.

Sunday School Teachers, 7; Scholars, 60; Estimated number of Families, 25; Estimated number of Individuals, 150; Number of sittings in Church and Chapels, 300; Money Receipts, \$384.54. Money actually paid, viz: Parochial Expenditures, \$169.04; Parochial Improvements and Purchases, \$11.50; paid to the Treasurer of Home of the Friendless, \$13.50; paid to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions, \$12.14; Alms without the Parish, \$10.00; Miscellaneous, \$18.00.

In the foregoing amount of money receipts, the contributions within the Parish towards building the Church at Greensborough, are not included. The money actually paid for all purposes, as specified in the Report, being deducted, shows a balance of \$210.36, appropriated to the Rector's support.

GEO. F. BEAVEN, *Rector.*

CAROLINE AND DORCHESTER COUNTIES.

St. Mary's Whitechapel Parish.

Philip W. Downes, Geo. M. Russum, Wm. G. Horsey, Chas. Stevens, Jas. B. Steele, Richard Carter, Fred. Straughn, M. D., Enoch George, M. D. Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Infant, 3; Burials, 3; Catechisings, monthly; Holy Communion administered (once in private), 14.

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Communicants, removed, 3; present number, 11.

Sunday School Teachers, 6; Scholars, 30; Estimated number of Families, 13; Estimated number of Individuals, 54; Number of sittings in Church and Chapels, 106; Money Receipts, \$504.41. Money actually paid, viz.: Parochial Expenditures, including Rent of Hall, \$387.74; sent for Domestic Missions, \$4.20; sent for Foreign Missions, \$3.17. Total amount given in the Parish, \$395.11.

The lease of the Hall hitherto occupied for Public Worship expires with the current year. We propose to build a Church to cost not less than \$1,500.00; more, if more can be raised. The Easter offering was for this purpose, and amounted in cash and pledges to \$713.75. We expect to raise enough more in the Parish to bring the amount up to a thousand. For the rest, we look to our more favored brethren throughout the Diocese, and are sure we shall not look in vain. As the result of an appeal by the Rector in person, in St. Andrew's Church, Somerset Parish, \$68.50 has been already received, and in five other Parishes money and pledges to nearly twice that amount. If the other Parishes of the Diocese do as well in proportion, there will be no lack of means to bring our work to a prosperous issue. May He whose is the silver and the gold, put it into the hearts of all His people to give of their substance for this work as He hath blessed them.

EDWARD J. STEARNS, *Rector.*

CECIL COUNTY.

St. Mary Anne's Parish.

Samuel L. Chamberlaine and Caleb Vêasey, Wardens.

Joseph Coudon, Henry S. Coudon, Jno. Maulden, Wm. Simcoe, S. L. Chamberlaine, Geo. P. Whittaker, Franklin Jones, Elisha Harris, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Infant, 12; Confirmations, 7; Burials, 3; Catechisings, occasionally; Holy Communion administered, 20.

Communicants, added, 8; removed, 2; present number, 46.

Sunday Schools Teachers, 5; Scholars, 60; Estimated number of Families, 42; Estimated number of Individuals, 175; Number of sittings in Church and Chapels, 350; Money Receipts, \$1,209.35. Money actually paid, viz.: Parochial Expenditures, \$780.00; Parochial Improvements and Purchases, \$80.00; Alms and Charities within the Parish, \$15.00; paid to the Treasurer of the Convention, \$10.00; paid to the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, \$248.50; paid to the Treasurer of Home of the Friendless, \$17.00; paid to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions, \$10.46; sent for Domestic Missions, \$29.00; other objects, viz.: Sunday School papers, \$5.00; paid for materials for Home of the Friendless, \$42.00; Ministerial Education Fund, \$8.00; Miscellaneous, \$71.39. Total amount given in the Parish, \$1,316.35.

In addition to systematic contributions of money, clothing, etc., the Mission Circles in the Parish are pledged to supply, semi-annually and ready for use, the clothing and other necessary "personals" required for one inmate of the Home of the Friendless.

L. S. RUSSELL, *Rector.*

St. James' Church.

Robert Hamilton and John M. Bullock, Wardens

Jos. B. Pugh, R. E. McClennahan, Dixon West, Jno. W. Beavan, Jno. H. Price, J. B. Hutchinson, H. L. Physick, Thos. Armstrong, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Adult, 4; Infant, 8=12; Confirmations, 14; Marriages, 5; Burials, 2; Catechisings, every Sunday; Holy Communion administered, 19 times.

Communicants, added, 16; removed, 2; died, 3; present number, 60.

Sunday School Teachers, 8; Scholars, 70; Estimated number of Families, 50; Estimated number of Individuals, 180; Number of sittings in Church and Chapels, 220; Money Receipts from all sources, \$1,903.55. Money actually paid, viz: Parochial Expenditures, \$1,557.76; Alms and Charities within the Parish, \$29.50; paid to the Treasurer of the Convention, \$10.00; paid to the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, \$107.00; paid to the Treasurer of the Home of the Friendless, \$33.00; paid to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions, \$25.00; sent for Domestic Missions, \$5.00; sent for Foreign Missions, \$5.00; Relief of Widows and Orphans of Clergy and for Infirm Clergymen, \$10.00.

Since the last Convention a new organ has been purchased, and a bell, weighing 400 lbs., placed in the belfry. The attendance on the Public Services, both Sunday and week days, is encouraging, with, I trust, an increasing interest in the things that belong to our peace. By the will of the late Mrs. Alice Gittings, a Communicant and devoted friend of St. James' Church, the Congregation will be entitled to a legacy of five hundred dollars. Occasional services are held in the neighboring towns.

J. MARTIN, *Rector.*

North Sassafras Parish.

J. C. Cruikshanks and David P. Davis, Wardens.

Thos. V. Ward, Andrew J. Pennington, Edw. S. Jones, Samuel E. Wills, Wm. Knight, Benj. B. Price, Geo. Biddle, Jas. W. Veazey, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Infant, 5; Marriages, 14; Burials, 8.

Communicants, removed, 1; died, 1; present number, 34.

Estimated number of Families, 25; Money Receipts, \$2,360.81. Money actually paid for all purposes, viz.: Paid to the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, \$390.25; paid to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions, \$12.80.

St. Stephen's Church has been closed since the first of last April for repairs, and has been without a Rector since that date, Rev. Thomas F. Billopp having taken charge of Queen Anne's Parish, Prince George's County, Maryland. His post-office address is Oak Grove, Prince George's County, Maryland.

SAMUEL E. WILLS,

Register St. Stephen's Church.

Trinity Church.

R. C. Mackall and H. W. Henderson, Wardens.

R. C. Mackall, M. C. Pearce, R. G. Reese, W. F. Baldwin, W. W. Henderson, John Partridge, L. T. Roberts, G. W. Cruikshanks, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Adult, 1; Infant, 8=9; Confirmations, 4; Burials, 5; Catechisings, about 12; Holy Communion administered, 18 times.

Communicants, added, 4; removed, 3; died, 2; present number, 73.

Sunday School Teachers, 8; Scholars, 60; Estimated number of Families, 45; Estimated number of Individuals, 225; Number of sittings in Church and Chapels, 250; Money Receipts, \$1,155.47; Money actually paid, viz.: Parochial Expenditures, \$840.89; Parochial Improvements and Purchases, \$500.00; Alms and Charities within the Parish, \$17.75; paid to the Treasurer of the Convention, \$20.00; paid to the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund \$166.72; paid to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions, through the Bishop,* \$43.00. Total amount given in the Parish (exclusive of \$340.00, paid by "Ladies' Society" for Parsonage lot), \$1,155.47.

HENRY. A. SKINNER, *Rector.*

DORCHESTER COUNTY.

Dorchester Parish.

Thomas H. Keene of L., and John E. Graham, Wardens.

Jeremiah L. Pattison, Sam'l M. Travers, Elijah Tall, Thos. K. Carroll, Sr., Thos. K. Carroll, Jr., Wm. W. Mace, Geo. W. Jefferson, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Adult, 1; Infant, 6=7; Confirmations, 3; Marriage, 1; Holy Communion administered, 4.

Communicants, present number, 14.

Sunday School Teachers, 5; Scholars, 25; Estimated number of Families, 18; Estimated number of Individuals, 93; Number of sittings in Church and Chapels, 300; Money Receipts, \$3,696.78. Money actually paid, viz.: Parochial Expenditures, \$3,696.78; paid to the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund \$63.90; paid to the Treasurer of Home of the Friendless, \$8.00. Total amount given in the Parish, \$3,768.68.

JOHN W. NOTT, *Rector.*

* This amount includes the Offertories of Christmas, December 20, and the Bishop's Visitation, on May 11th.—H. A. S.

*Diocesan Convention of Easton.**East New Market Parish.*

Dr. J. T. Jacobs, and E. S. Johnson, Wardens.

K. M. Jacobs, I. H. Wright, Thomas Hicks, T. B. Sherman, Dr. J. R. Philips, J. M. Murphy, Jarvis Eadie, Thomas Leckie, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Infant, 2; Confirmation, 1; Burials, 4; Catechisings, monthly; Holy Communion administered, monthly and Festivals.

Communicants added, 1; removed, 2; died, 1; present number, 28.

Sunday School Teachers, 4; Scholars, 10 or 12; Estimated number of Families, 25; Estimated number of Individuals, 50 to 75; Number of sittings in Church, 100; Money Receipts, \$305.00. Money actually paid, viz: Parochial Expenditures, \$242.00; paid to the Treasurer of the Convention, \$5.00; paid to the Treasurer of the Home of the Friendless, (goods and money,) \$40.00; paid to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions, \$5.00; sent for Domestic Missions, \$2.50; sent for Foreign Missions, \$2.50; other objects, viz: School at Fairbault, \$5.00; School at Nashotah, \$3.00. Total amount given in the Parish, \$305.00.

I have worked hard in this Parish, though I have but little to show for it. Like all old fields, it requires time, patience and perseverance, crowned with the blessing of Heaven, to reclaim it and to produce much fruit. We are surrounded, too, by superstition and prejudice; and these are hard obstacles to overcome. I have formed a Bible-class of all ages, for the critical study of the Scriptures, and the encouragement of social feeling, and it has worked well. I regard this as one of the best levers in parochial work. I commenced a Mission last summer at Linkwood, and held services in the Station House; have begun again this summer, and have some encouragement. The friends talk of building a Chapel there; I hope they will, but we must give them time.

JAMES W. HOSKINS, *Rector.*

Great Choptank Parish.

William R. Hayward, and Daniel M. Henry, Wardens.

Alex. H. Bayly, M.D., Wm. R. Hayward, M.D., D. M. Henry, Chas. F. Goldsborough, Thos. H. Handy, D. Stewart Hessey, Thos. H. Williams, M.D., Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Adult, 1; Infant, 16-17; Confirmations, 25; Marriages, 5; Burials, 11; Catechisings, 10; Holy Communion administered, 19.

Communicants, added, 27; removed, 17; died, 3; present number, 173.

Sunday School Teachers, 18; Scholars, (including Rector's class,) 110; Estimated number of Families, 80; Estimated number of Individuals, 420; Number of sittings in Church and Chapels, 400; Money Receipts, \$2,005.21; Money actually paid, viz: Parochial Expenditures, \$1,075.00; Parochial Improvements and Purchases, \$70.00; Alms and Charities, within the Parish, \$200.00; paid to the Treasurer of the Convention, \$25.00; paid to the Treas-

surer of the Episcopal Fund, \$190.89; paid to the Treasurer of Home of the Friendless, \$104.00; paid to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions, \$144.51; sent for Domestic Missions, \$73.46; to aid of Students in Theology, \$12.35; iscellaneous, \$110.00. Total amount given in the Parish, \$2.005.22.

The Assistant Minister, as during many previous years, has rendered important and highly acceptable aid in the services of the Church.

THEO. P. BARBER, *Rector*,
JAMES L. BRYAN, M. D., *Assistant Minister*.

Vienna Parish.

Daniel Waddell and Frank Houston, Wardens.

W. S. Craft, J. A. Higgins, Eugene Hodson, M. D., A. S. Percy, J. Robinson, John Webb, and Daniel Waddell, Vestrymen.

Catechisings, monthly; Holy Communion administered, monthly; Communicants, removed, 3; present number, 12.

Sunday School Teachers, 4; Scholars, 15; Estimated number of Families, 15; Estimated number of Individuals, 50 to 75; Number of sittings in Church, 125; Money Receipts, \$178.50; Money actually paid, viz: Parochial Expenditures, \$155.00; paid to the Treasurer of the Convention, \$5.00; paid to the Treasurer of Home of the Friendless, (goods and money), \$15.00; paid to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions, \$3.50. Total amount given in the Parish, \$178.50.

This report looks very meagre, but it is the best I could make under existing circumstances. There has been but one child born in the Parish, the past year, and all the rest have been baptized previously, except four or five, and part of them have lately come into the congregation. There are no marriages to report, because the times are hard and the young people are waiting for better, I suppose. There are no deaths to report, because the climate is very healthy. We cannot expect great results in a village of 250 inhabitants and four congregations.

JAMES W. HOSKINS, *Rector*.

KENT COUNTY.

Chester Parish.

N.G. Westcott and T. S. Wickes, Wardens.

J. A. Wickes, G. W. T. Perkins, Samuel Comegys, W. N. E. Wickes, W. S. Walker, G. B. Westcott, J. A. Pearce, W. H. Meteer, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Infants, 4; Confirmations, 3; Marriages, 5; * Burials 11; Catechisings monthly; Holy Communion administered, 16 times.

* Of the burials reported above, four took place in St. Paul's Parish, one in I. U., and six in Shrewsbury Parish.

Diocesan Convention of Easton.

Communicants added, 10 ; Died, 1 ; present number, 71.

Sunday School Teachers, 13 ; Scholars, 103 ; Estimated number of Families, 33 ; Estimated number of Individuals, 165 ; number of sittings in Church and Chapels, 341. Money actually paid for all purposes, viz : Parochial Expenditures, \$1,179.00 ; Parochial Improvements and Purchases, \$505.00 ; Alms and Charities within the Parish, \$300.16 ; Paid to the Treasurer of the Convention, \$30.00 ; paid to the Treasurer of Home of the Friendless, \$28.22 ; paid to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions, \$100.00 ; other objects, \$20.50. Total amount given in the Parish, \$2,162.88.

S. C. ROBERTS, *Rector.*

Christ Church, I. U. Parish.

Samuel Roseberry and John Bell, Wardens.

Dr. Samuel Beck, Dr. F. Worrell, Ed. Pennington, Jos. Hossinger, Wm. S. Thompson, S. H. Blackiston, Luther J. Handy, Sewell Hepbron, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Infants, 2 ; Burials, 3.

Communicants removed, 4 ; Died, 1 ; present number, 26.

Estimated number of Families, 20 ; number of sittings in Church and Chapels, 150. Money Receipts, \$67.00. Money actually paid, viz : \$65.50 ; Parochial Expenditures, \$1.25 ; paid to the Treasurer of the Convention, \$10.00.

We have been without a Rector for more than fifteen months previous to Easter last.

S. HEPBRON, *Registrar.*

St. Paul's Parish.

Charles G. Ricaud and George Beck, Wardens.

H. Beck, J. C. Hynson, G. D. S. Handy, G. T. Hollyday, Jos. Ringgold, Jr. James Rankin, Thomas Hulme, E. Smith, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Infant 1.

Sunday School Teachers, 4 ; Scholars, 25 ; number of sittings in Church and Chapels, 250.

This Parish has been vacant about a year, and the present incumbent having but recently taken the charge thereof, is able to furnish but the most meagre report as to its condition.

C. J. HENDLEY, B. D., *Rector.*

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Shrewsbury Parish and Church.

Robert E. Wallis, and John R. Lusby, Wardens.

Thos. C. Kennard, J. M. Armstrong, Thos. N. Layman, Jarvis Spence, James W. Hurtt, Wm. Jenvier, Dennis J. Nowland and John C. Sutton, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Adult, 3; Infant, 15=18; Marriages, 2; Burials, 6; Catechisings, occasionally; Holy Communion administered, 13 times.

Communicants, removed, 5; died, 3; present number, about 57.

Sunday School Teachers, 9; Scholars, about 60; Estimated number of Families, 50; Estimated number of Individuals, 300; Number of sittings in Church, about 150; Pew Rents, \$417.00. Parochial Expenditures, Improvements and Purchases, \$200.00; Alms and Charities within the Parish, \$32.61; paid to the Treasurer of the Convention, \$60.00; paid to the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, \$49.70; paid to the Treasurer of Home of the Friendless, \$15.00; paid to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions, \$51.25; sent for Domestic Missions, \$14.21; Total amount given in the Parish, \$839.77.

The above report dates from August 18th, 1872, the time at which the present Rector entered upon his duties. There are several particulars in the report, about which nothing definite can be given at this time, and hence the appearance of it as unfinished. On this account, I cannot say *positively*, what is the total amount given in the Parish.

SAMUEL D. HALL, *Rector.*

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY.

Christ Church Parish.

John C. Ninde, and James D. Mansfield, Wardens.

Alex. W. Thompson, W. E. G. Newman, Edward C. Legg, Charles E. Tolson, John H. Price, Elfred Price, J. Bateman Hopkins, Wm. B. Goodhand, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Infant, 4; Marriages, 1; Burials, 1.

Communicants, added, 3; removed, 9; present number, 18.

Sunday School Teachers, 7; Scholars, 50; Number of Families, 13; Estimated number of Individuals, 64; Catechisings, monthly; Holy Communion, monthly and on High Festivals; Contributions received from all sources, \$319.42. Paid out for Alms and Charities within the Parish, \$143.00; paid to the Treasurer of the Convention, \$22.00; paid to the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, \$111.92; paid to the Treasurer of the Home of the Friendless, \$42.50; Total amount given in the Parish \$319.42.

J. N. WATTSON, *Rector.*

St. Paul's Parish.

James T. Earle, and Sam'l T. Earle, Jr., Wardens.

Richard T. Earle, James Tilghman, Wm. McKenney, Thos. J. Keating, Robert Goldsborough, Edwin H. Brown, James Bordley, M.D., Sam'l T. Earle, Jr., Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Infant, 15; Confirmation, 1; Marriages, 3; Burials, 6; Holy Communion administered, 18.

Communicants, added, 3; died, 2; present number, 107.

Sunday School Teachers, 8; Scholars, 36; Estimated number of Families, 50; Estimated number of Individuals, 250; Number of sittings in Church and Chapels, 300; Money Receipts, \$2,005.27. Money actually paid, viz: Parochial Expenditures, Improvements and Purchases, \$394.32; paid to the Treasurer of the Convention, \$30.00; paid to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions, \$62.00; Foreign Missions, \$31.19. Total amount given in the Parish, \$2,005.27.

Three hundred and eleven dollars was received from a legacy, left by Mrs. Elizabeth Wright.

QUEEN ANNE'S AND TALBOT COUNTIES.

Wye Parish.

Dr. James Davidson, and W. R. Davidson, Wardens.

James Davidson, R. B. Carmichael, Sr., Richard C. Tilghman, W. R. Davidson, C. H. Tilghman, Thomas Grason, George Davidson, N. Comegys, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Infant, 10; Confirmations, 6; Marriages, 2; Burials, 5; Catechising, 1; Holy Communion administered, 6 times.

Communicants added, 7; removed, 4; present number, 44.

Sunday School Teachers, 1; Scholars, 6; Estimated number of Families, 30; Estimated number of Individuals, 129; number of sittings in Church and Chapels, 270; Money receipts, \$633.99. Money actually paid, Parochial Expenditures, \$584.58; Alms and Charities within the Parish, \$2.00; paid to the Treasurer of Home of the Friendless, \$13.00; paid to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions, \$12.87; sent for Foreign Missions, \$15.60; for the Bishop's house, \$5.00. Total amount given in the Parish, \$633.99.

W. B. EVERETT, *Deacon.*

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Coventry Parish.

Thomas Williams, and Charles A. Curtis, Wardens.

Wm. Williams, M. D., James A. Curtis, Fred. Adams, M. D., John C. Horsey, George M. Upshur, M. D., George R. Dennis, M. D., Thomas Williams, Charles A. Curtis, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Infant, 21; Confirmations, 5; Marriage, 1; Burial, 1; Holy Communion administered, 13, (in private 4).

Communicants added 9; removed, 2; died, 3; present number, 72.

Sunday School Teachers, 3; Scholars, 15; Estimated number of Families, 35; Estimated number of Individuals, 180; number of sittings in Church and Chapels, 750. Money Receipts, \$394.86; money actually paid for all purposes, viz: Parochial Expenditures, \$304.93; Parochial Improvements and Purchases, \$25.00; paid to the Treasurer of the Convention, \$10.00; paid to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions, \$46.93; sent for Domestic Missions, \$4.00; sent for Foreign Missions, \$4.00. Total amount given in the Parish, \$394.86.

JOHN CROSDALE, *Minister in Charge.*

Somerset Parish.

John Miller, and Robert Dashiell, Wardens.

H. H. Dashiell, W. J. Brittingham, Levin Woolford, William Stewart, M. D., John W. Dashiell, M. D., William H. Gale, M. D., Isaac S. Atkinson, and Robert J. Waller, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Infant, 18.

Marriages, 4; Burials, 10; Catechisings, 10; Holy Communion administered, 29 times.

Communicants added, 10; removed, 12; died, 4; present number, 190.

Sunday School Teachers, 15; Scholars, 80.

Estimated number of Families, 90; Estimated number of Individuals, 450 to 500; number of sittings in Church and Chapels, about 500. Money receipts, \$2,209.80. Money actually paid, viz: Parochial Expenditures, \$1,225.60; Parochial Improvements and Purchases, \$284.47; Alms and Charities within the Parish, \$8.40; paid to Treasurer of the Convention, \$30.00; paid to the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, \$255.80; paid to the Treasurer of Home of the Friendless, \$84.00; paid to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions, \$93.25; sent for Domestic Missions, \$84.50; other objects, viz: Nashotah Mission, \$190.00; Church at Denton, \$83.50; for Sunday School, \$48.17; Total amount given in the Parish \$2,387.69.

JOHN O. BARTON, *Rector*

SOMERSET AND WORCESTER COUNTIES.

Pocomoke Parish.

S. S. McMaster, and James Broughton, Wardens.

S. S. McMaster, John E. Hayward, C. C. Lloyd, J. W. Dougherty, D. J. O. Truitt, M.D., B. J. Williams, James Broughton, Philip S. West, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Infant, 18; Confirmations, 8; Marriages, 3; Burials, 10; Catechisings, 8; Holy Communion administered, (6 in private) 21.

Communicants, added, 14; removed, 3; died, 2; present number, 81.

Sunday School Teachers, 4; Scholars, 35; Parish School Teacher, 1; Scholars, 30; Estimated number of Families, 57; Estimated number of Individuals, 242; Number of sittings in Church and Chapels, 225; Money Receipts, \$1,083.22. Money actually paid for all purposes, viz: Parochial Expenditures, \$596.10; Parochial Improvements and Purchases, \$62.00; Alms and Charities within the Parish, \$25.00: paid to the Treasurer of the Convention, \$10.00; paid to the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, \$236.68; paid to the Treasurer of Home of the Friendless, \$50.00; paid to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions, \$55.00: sent for Domestic Missions, \$16.00; sent for Foreign Missions, \$14.00; other objects, viz: Indian Mission, \$10.00; Mission to Colored People, \$8.44. Total amount given in the Parish, \$1,083.22.

JOHN CROSDALE, *Rector.*

TALBOT COUNTY.

St. Michael's Parish.

George R. Goldsborough, and William Willis, Wardens.

William Goldsborough, Charles Lowndes, William Willis, John W. Kemp, John Harrington, George R. Goldsborough, Nathan P. Jenkins, Jacob S. Morris, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Infant, 30; Confirmations, 9; Marriages, 3; Burials, 8; Catechisings, 6; Holy Communion administered, 40 times.

Communicants added, 13; removed, 4; died, 2; present number, 135.

Sunday School Teachers, 18; Scholars, 125; Estimated number of Families, 65; number of Individuals, 400; sittings, 750.

Receipts from all sources, not including subscriptions and interests, \$5,625.38; Salaries, Current Expenses, &c., \$1,012.00; Parochial Improvements, \$18.20; Alms and Charities, &c., in Parish, \$80.53; paid to Treasurer of Convention, \$30.00; paid to Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, \$550.00; paid to Treasurer of the Home of the Friendless, \$165.00; paid to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions, \$202.85; paid to the Treasurer of Domestic Missions, \$25.00; paid to Treasurer of Foreign Missions, \$10.00; Money Invested for

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repairs on Parish Church, \$1,670.00; Easter present to Rector, \$60.00; Interest on Parochial Invested Fund, \$400.00; amount given, \$5,625.00. Total amount expended, \$6,025.00.

The new Church "All Saints," will be completed in a few weeks; we are gathering and investing funds to re-build the Parish Church.

ERASTUS F. DASHIELL, *Rector*.

St. Michael's.

St. Peter's Parish.

William H. Smith, and Henry H. Goldsborough, Wardens.

Samuel Hambleton, J. L. Adkins, R. J. Trippe, H. H. Goldsborough, Wm. H. Smith, John F. Kersey, W. M. Hollyday, M. T. Goldsborough, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Adult, 3; Infant, 19 = 22; Confirmations, 12; Marriages, 2; Burials, 14; Catechisings monthly, at Evening Prayer; Holy Communion administered (4 in private), 25 times.

Communicants added, 28; removed, 13; died, 5; present number, 232.

Sunday School Teachers, 13; Scholars, 85; the Bishop's School, established in the Parish, Teachers, 3; Scholars, 45.

Estimated number of Families, 70; Estimated number of Individuals, 450; number of sittings in Church and Chapels, 410. Money receipts \$4,066.53; Money actually paid, viz: Parochial Expenditures, including current expenses, salaries of every sort, repairs and the like, \$1,705.51; Parochial Improvements and Purchases, \$351.30; Alms and Charities, within the Parish, \$75.96; paid to the Treasurer of the Convention, \$30.00; paid to Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, \$432.02; paid to the Treasurer of Home of the Friendless, \$174.20; paid to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions, \$373.91; sent for Domestic Missions, \$184.94; sent for Foreign Missions, \$57.47; Society for Increase of Ministry, \$18.33; other objects, viz: Sunday School, \$25.72; Aid for Candidates for Orders, \$30.50; Miscellaneous, \$362.50. Total amount given in the Parish, \$4,116.53.

The above figures, although approximate in some cases, are as near accuracy as possible. The figures do not balance, because some monies have been "received" which have not been "paid." There has been *no falling off*, as a comparison with last year's report would seem to indicate, as some hundreds of dollars have been actually *given*, which must be accounted for in *next report*, to avoid confusion. I ask attention to the "present number of communicants." A comparison with last year would indicate a gain of over *seventy*. The *actual* gain has been not over *ten*, the difference being the results of inaccuracies recently discovered in the old lists.

R. WILSON, *Rector*.

Whitemarsh Parish.

Thomas S. Haddaway, and Thomas J. Chaplain, Wardens.

Ed. L. Harrison, Dr. E. M. Hardcastle, Alex. H. Barnett, Thomas S. Haddaway, Thos. J. Chaplain, Benjamin Taylor, John W. Martin, Jos. B. Seth, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Adult, 1; Infant, 13=14; Confirmations, 6; Marriages, 5; Burials, 3; Catechisings, 3; Holy Communion administered, 17.

Communicants, added, 6; removed, 7; present number, 78.

Sunday School Teachers, 11; Scholars, 75; Estimated number of Families, 50; Estimated number of Individuals, 225; Number of sittings in Church and Chapels, (2 Churches,) 400; Money Receipts, \$1,461.80. Money actually paid, viz: Parochial Expenditures, \$1,000.42; Parochial Improvements and Purchases, \$23.65; Alms and Charities, within the Parish, \$14.20; paid to the Treasurer of the Convention, \$20.00; paid to the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, \$81.65; paid to Treasurer of Home of the Friendless, \$49.60; paid to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions, \$69.26; sent for Domestic Missions, \$6.02; other objects, viz: Theological Education, \$9.00; private offerings, to objects within the Parish, \$138.00; Miscellaneous, at interest, \$50.00. Total amount given in the Parish, \$1,461.80.

Besides the above report of offerings to the Home of the Friendless, supplies of food and clothing have been sent. Some who formerly contributed money, have actually given more in this form; although the report apparently falls short of the amount given in previous years. The Sunday School report varies, because this part of our Parochial work is largely of a missionary character.

JAMES A. MITCHELL, *Rector.*

WICOMICO COUNTY.

Spring Hill Parish.

George Hitch, and J. F. Collier, Wardens.

John White, John H. White, Wm. Waller, Geo. Waller, Wm. E. Brewington, Milton Parsons, T. F. J. Rider, George Hitch, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Adult, 1; Infant, 15=16; Confirmations, 3; Marriages, 4; Burials, 13; Holy Communion administered, 24.

Communicants, added, 7; removed, 2; died, 5; present number, 200.

Sunday School Teachers, 20; Scholars, 150; Estimated number of Families, 110; Estimated number of Individuals, 600; Number of sittings in Church and Chapels, 650; Money Receipts, \$1,704.35; Money actually paid, viz: Parochial Expenditures, \$1,175.10; Alms and Charities within the Parish, \$102.37; paid to the Treasurer of the Convention, \$30.00; paid to the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, \$226.50; paid to the Treasurer of Home of the

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Friendless, \$2.00; paid to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions, \$11.05; sent for Domestic Missions, \$51.67; sent for Foreign Missions, \$9.55; other objects, viz: Theological Education in the Diocese, \$6.00; Sunday School, \$85.11; Church at Denton, \$5.00.

WM. FULTON, *Rector.*

Stepney Parish.

Robert Walter, and Dr. J. T. Willing, Wardens.

Robert Walter, Dr. J. T. Willing, Levin Walter, George Walter, Thomas Walter, Ernest Riall, Wm. Barley, Geo. Wingate, Vestrymen.

Estimated number of Families, 20; Estimated number of Individuals, 100; number of sittings in Church and Chapels, 150. Money actually paid for all purposes, viz: Parochial Expenditures, including current expenses, salaries of every sort, repairs and the like, \$140.00; paid to the Treasurer of the Convention, \$5.00.

The absence of Parish records, and the inability of the undersigned to do the necessary pastoral work of the Parish, renders it impossible to give all the statistics required by the above form. Services have been held once a month. The baptisms and funerals have been included in the Report for Spring Hill Parish.

WM. FULTON, *Rector.*

WORCESTER COUNTY.

All Hallows Parish.

Jas. B. R. Purnell, M. D., and Erastus Dashiell, Wardens.

Thos. P. Parker, Jas. D. Hack, Jas. S. Jones, Stephen Mason, Geo. Hayward, Geo. M. Upshur, Geo. Bishop, M. D., Jas. B. R. Purnell, M. D., Vestrymen.

Holy Communion administered, once a month.

Communicants, added, 4; removed, 2; present number 48.

Sunday School Teachers, 7; Scholars, 25; Estimated number of Families, 35; Estimated number of Individuals, 153; Number of sittings in Church and Chapels, 400; Money Receipts, \$1,133.37; Money actually paid, viz: Parochial Expenditures, \$401.05; Parochial Improvements and Purchases, \$186.00; paid to the Treasurer of the Convention, \$38.00; paid to the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, \$390.17; paid to the Treasurer of Home of the Friendless, 1 box of provisions and clothing, and \$30.50; paid to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions, \$14.75; sent for Domestic Missions, \$16.51; sent for Foreign Missions, \$46.39; other objects, viz: Students in Theology in Easton, \$10.00; Total amount given in the Parish, \$1,133.37.

I have had charge of this Parish since December 1, 1872, and I have been much encouraged and blessed in my labors. I believe the members of the congregation are doing what they can, for the prosperity of All Hallows Parish. Had I a horse, I have no doubt that I would be more extensively and usefully engaged. I teach a Bible-class every Sunday.

C. H. WILLIAMSON, *Rector.*

Worcester Parish.

John R. Purnell, and Josiah Marshall, Wardens.

John R. Purnell, Josiah Marshall, H. C. Hudson, William Robins, R. J. Henry, T. J. Hammond, S. T. Williams, J. S. Purnell, Jr., Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Adult, 2; Infant, 5 = 7; Confirmations, 6; Marriages, 2; Burials, 6; Catechisings, 10; Holy Communion administered, 6.

Communicants added, 6; removed 4; present number, 61.

Sunday School Teachers, 9; Scholars, 40; Estimated number of Families, 30; Estimated number of Individuals, 150; number of sittings in Church and Chapels, 200. Money receipts, not including sums named below, \$765.00; Money actually paid, viz: Parochial Expenditures, \$620.00; Parochial Improvements and Purchases, \$130.00; Alms and Charities within the Parish, \$15.00; paid to the Treasurer of the Convention, \$16.00; paid to the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, \$170.62; paid to the Treasurer of Home of the Friendless, \$20.00; paid to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions, \$40.00; Total amount given in the Parish, \$1,011.62.

GEORGE S. FITZHUGH, *Minister.*

CLERICAL REPORT.

The undersigned respectfully reports, that for the greater portion of the past year, he has resided in the Diocese of Maryland, being prevented by ill health, from the active discharge of his calling. The occasional services he has rendered, will be embraced in Parish reports.

E. G. PERRYMAN.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE EPISCOPAL FUND.

[See page 34, of the Journal.]

The Trustees respectfully submit the Report of the Treasurer, detailing the progress of collections, the investments made since last Convention, and other applications of moneys received.

They trust that the suggestions as to a more prompt collection of dues, and especially of accumulating arrears, may be thoughtfully considered by the Convention, and such methods adopted to secure the large outstanding and increasing indebtedness, as in its wisdom may be deemed best.

It was thought expedient to convert the five-twenty bonds, received as our share at the division, into something more productive. It may be desirable hereafter to change the form of some of the assets to something of a more solid and permanent nature, so soon as the collections of arrearages, and of further annual dues, furnish the increased amount of funds necessary to the purchase of higher-priced and lower-bearing interest securities.

This consideration, if no other, suggests the importance of more speedy and effective measures for the accomplishment of the desired result.

RICHARD B. CARMICHAEL,
W. S. WALKER,
GEO. R. GOLDSBOROUGH,
J. L. ADKINS.

To the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Easton :

GENTLEMEN :—The Treasurer presents the accompanying Report, showing the subscription, interest, and dividend receipts, and the investments and disbursements since the last Convention :

The receipts are somewhat larger than those of last year, but there has been no improvement, in fact, in the payment of the current annual dues, a considerable portion of the amount having come through executors of deceased estates, and from a few others who paid off their entire subscriptions; about nine hundred dollars also being arrearages, gathered up by the personal efforts of Special Agents, appointed by the Board, under authority of the

Convention. Should the Convention see fit to sanction this mode of securing past-due obligations, directing that a fair trial be made of it during this year, there can be little doubt of a successful result; the large sum of seven hundred dollars having been collected by one of the agents, in two of the upper Counties, during a brief visit of a little over a week.

The usual tabular statement has not been prepared this year, as delinquents have not seemed to regard the strongly contrasted figures set against the Parishes, showing how some of them have been doing well, year after year, while others have not—and so it has proved of little value, compared with the labor and care of arrangement.

Two or three Counties are largely in arrear—several thousand dollars. The whole of this must be lost, and a sense of injustice may possibly operate to the hindrance of such as have been punctual heretofore, if a remedy is not soon applied.

The subscription was \$44,485.00.

Invested out of this, as reported before, \$11,603.58.

RECEIPTS.

On fifth instalment, and from arrearages and full payments...	\$4,542.05
From proceeds of sale of United States bonds.....	8,010.25
From payment of temporary loans.....	2,000.00
Balance at last report.....	582.36
	<hr/> \$15,134.66

EXPENSES.

Paid travelling expenses of the Rev. R. Wilson, Special Agent.....	\$9.17
Paid for stamps, probits, &c.....	20.00
	<hr/> \$29.17

INVESTMENTS.

(Since last Report.)

1000 Easton Masonic Association.....	\$1,000.00
1000 Norfolk Water Bonds.....	880.11
1000 Orange, Alexandria & Manassas Railroad Bonds.....	780.00
2000 Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad Bonds.....	1,738.66
4000 Marietta & Cincinnati Railroad Bonds.....	3,812.50
1000 Logansport, C. & S. Western Railroad Bonds.....	980.55
1000 Wil., Col. & Augusta Railroad Bonds.....	810.00
375 Temporary loans.....	375.00
1000 Easton Building Association.....	1,000.00
2000 Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Bonds.....	1,945.00
1000 Western Maryland Railroad Bonds.....	975.00
Leaving to invest.....	808.67
	<hr/> \$15,105.49
	<hr/> \$15,134.66

INTEREST AND DIVIDEND RECEIPTS.

On subscriptions	\$1,586.36
On investments	1,500.68
Balance at last report.....	1,092 33
	<hr/> \$4,179.37

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid salary of the Bishop, five quarters	\$3,125.00
In hand, to pay salary of the Bishop.....	1,054.34
	<hr/> \$4,179.37

J. L. ADKINS, *Treasurer.*EASTON, *June 3, 1873.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PAROCHIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

[See page 43, of the Journal.]

The Committee on Parochial Contributions submit the following Report of amounts received, on account of assessment for the year 1873 :

St. Mary Anne's Parish	\$10.00
North Sassafra ^s "	30.00
Trinity Church, Elkton ..	20.00
St. James', Port Deposit	10.00
Dorchester Parish.....	5.00
East New Market	5.00
Great Choptank	25.00
Chester Parish.....	30.00
I. U. "	10.00
North Kent Parish.....	30.00
St. Paul's " (Kent County).....	25.00
Shrewsbury Parish	30.00
Christ Church Parish, (Kent Island).....	22.00
St. Luke's Parish	5.00
St. Paul's " (Queen Anne's County).....	30.00
Coventry "	10.00
Somerset "	30.00
Pocomoke "	10.00
St. Michael's Parish.....	30.00
St. Peter's "	30.00
White Marsh "	20.00
Spring Hill "	30.00
Stepney "	5.00
All Hallows' "	15.00
Worcester "	15.00
	<hr/> \$482.00

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The Committee further report that the following assessments have been remitted, viz :

St. Augustine Parish.....	\$5.00
Church of the Holy Trinity.....	10.00
St. Matthew's Parish	5.00
	<u>\$20.00</u>

And that there are yet due from —

Vienna Parish*.....	\$5.00
Christ Church, (Kent Island).....	8.00
Wye Parish.....	10.00
	<u>23.00</u>
	<u>43.00</u>

Which amounts make up the assessment..... \$525.00

The Committee further report, that they found a large amount of assessments in arrear, to wit : the sum of \$321.00.

Of this amount, they have collected :

From All Hallows Parish, for year 1868.....	\$5.00
“ “ “ “ 1870	10.00
“ “ “ “ 1872.....	8.00
From Shrewsbury “ “ 1872.....	30.00
From White Marsh “ “ 1869.....	6.00
	<u>\$59.00</u>

The amount charged against St. Augustine Parish, St. Matthew's Parish, Stepney Parish, one-half against Wye Parish, and the amount against Holy Trinity Church, have been remitted by the Convention, which amounts sum up.....\$114.50

Leaving due on prior assessments..... 147.50

\$321.00

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount collected.....\$541.00

Whole amount due .. 170.50

Which is respectfully submitted.

LEVIN WOOLFORD,
JOSEPH B. SETH,
WILLIAM M. KNIGHT, } *Committee.*

The Committee report the following statement of indebtedness for Parochial Contributions :

1868.

St. John's Parish	\$3.00
Wye Parish.....	2.50

* Paid since Convention.

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1869.		
	North Kent Parish.....	30.00
	Wye Parish.....	10.00
	Coventry Parish.....	10.00
	Worcester Parish.....	20.00
1870.		
	Vienna Parish.....	5.00
	Wye Parish.....	10.00
	St. John's Parish.....	5.00
	Coventry Parish.....	10.00
1871.		
	Wye Parish.....	10.00
	Christ Church Parish, (Kent Island).....	11.00
	St. John's Parish.....	5.00
1872.		
	Christ Church Parish, (Kent Island).....	16.00
1873.		
	Christ Church Parish, (Kent Island).....	8.00
	Wye Parish.....	10.00
	Vienna*.....	5.00
		—\$170.50

Which is respectfully submitted.

LEVIN WOOLFORD,
JOSEPH B. SETH,
WILLIAM M. KNIGHT, } *Committee.*

ASSESSMENT FOR PAROCHIAL CONTRIBUTIONS, FOR THE YEAR 1874

Cecil County.

St. Mary Anne's Parish.....	\$15.00
North Sassafra ".....	35.00
Trinity Church, Elkton.....	25.00
St. James', Port Deposit.....	10.00

Dorchester County.

Dorchester Parish.....	8.00
East New Market.....	8.00
Great Choptank.....	30.00
Vienna.....	5.00

Kent County.

Chester Parish.....	35.00
I. U. ".....	10.00
North Kent Parish.....	30.00
St. Paul's ".....	30.00
Shrewsbury ".....	35.00

*Paid since Convention.

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Talbot and Queen Anne's Counties.

Wye Parish..... 10.00

Queen Anne's County.

Christ Church Parish, (Kent Island)..... 30.00
 St. Luke's "..... 5.00
 St. Paul's "..... 35.00

Somerset County.

Coventry Parish..... 10.00
 Somerset "..... 35.00

Somerset and Worcester Counties.

Pocomoke Parish..... 15.00

Talbot County.

St. Michael's Parish..... 35.00
 St. Peter's "..... 35.00
 White Marsh "..... 25.00

Wicomico County.

Spring Hill Parish..... 35.00
 Stepney "..... 5.00

Worcester County.

All Hallows Parish..... 15.00
 Worcester Parish..... 15.00
—————\$581.00

Which is respectfully submitted.

LEVIN WOOLFORD, }
 JOSEPH B. SETH, } *Committee.*
 WILLIAM M. KNIGHT, }

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

[See page 48, of the Journal.]

The Committee on the State of the Church beg leave to report, that twenty-seven Parishes have presented Annual Reports, an improvement by one upon last year. Of these, however, only sixteen are complete. It is most earnestly recommended to the Clergy to be exact and full in this particular, and to adhere closely to the heads of information prescribed by the printed forms. The aggregate number of Communicants reported is about 2000, being an increase of seventy-five upon last year. That this gain is not larger, may be accounted for by the fact, that in ten Parishes no confirmations are reported, the annual

visitation to some of them being, for various reasons, deferred. The number of Confirmations in seventeen Parishes is 114, against 147 last year in twenty-six Parishes. The number of Baptisms is 285, of which seventeen are Adult, being a total gain of seventeen over last year, but a loss of eleven in Adult Baptisms. There is a gain of about seventy-five families and 500 individuals. The amount of contributions is about the same as last year. The Holy Communion has been administered, on an average, sixteen times in each Parish. But three of the living Parishes in the Diocese are vacant, and these will, without doubt, very soon be supplied.

We take pleasure in noting the purchase of a new Organ at Port Deposit; the consecration of a new Church on Taylor's Island; the probable early completion and consecration of All Saints, Talbot County, and the almost certain prospect of the early erection of a new Church at Greensborough, and another at Denton, in Caroline County.

Your Committee has no apology to offer for this meagre and unsatisfactory Report. To attempt anything more definite, upon such examination of the data furnished by the Parochial Reports, as is possible during the brief session of the Convention, would be to do injustice to the Diocese, and to mislead by fallacious statistics. We earnestly call the attention of all concerned to the importance of exactness in the preparation of all statistical Reports, and trust that in view of the Report to be made to the General Convention next year, the Parochial forms for 1874 may include, with studied accuracy and completeness, all the information necessary to that end.

Respectfully submitted,

R. WILSON,
L. S. RUSSELL,
JOS. N. WATTSON,
S. S. McMASTER,
GEO. R. GOLDSBOROUGH.

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF HOME FOR FRIENDLESS CHILDREN, DIOCESE OF EASTON.

[See page 37. of the Journal.]

We hereby submit to the Convention of the Diocese of Easton, the Third Annual Report of the Officers and Managers of the Home for Friendless Children.

The old residence being too contracted, has been sold, and a commodious and substantial building erected upon a lot, within the limits of the town. Of course, this has been a heavy drain upon our resources, but the increased interest in the Institution has enabled us to meet our current expenses. We are happy to state that we are entirely free from debt. The contributions, though small, come in at stated periods, and our affairs are regulated accordingly.

About fifteen boxes, containing provisions and clothing, have been received from various Parishes, and have greatly lessened the demands upon our Treasury. We would here urge upon those sending boxes, to mark upon them distinctly, not only our address, but the name of the place from which they

are sent. At one time, three boxes reached us by the same train, and it was with great difficulty that we ascertained precisely whence they came.

Five more children have been received during the year, making fourteen in all, and an assistant to the Matron was procured in the month of April. Some vacancies caused in the Board by removals from the town, were filled by the Manager, and Chas. H. Gibson, Esq., elected legal adviser in place of Jas. L. Martin, deceased. The health of the children generally has been good, and by the blessing of God, no calamity or accident has befallen us.

All which is respectfully submitted,

D. C. DAWSON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

LIST OF BOXES RECEIVED.

One box from Berlin.
 Two boxes from Cecil, St. Stephen's Parish.
 One box and barrel of flour from Princess Anne.
 One box from Snow Hill, weighing 300 pounds.
 One box from East New Market.
 Articles at various times from Wye Mills.
 One barrel of flour from Wye Mills.
 One box and barrel from East New Market and Vienna.
 One box from Mrs. Hulme, of Fairlee.
 One box from Salisbury.
 One box from Port Deposit.
 One box from Cambridge.
 One box from Greensborough.
 One can of lard from Cecil, St. Stephen's Parish.
 One box from Hillsborough.
 Articles from Centreville.
 Articles at various times from St. Michael's.
 Two boxes from St. Mary Anne's Parish.

This Parish (St. Mary Anne's) has set an excellent example, by sending for the measure of one of the children, supplying her with clothing, and undertaking to continue this kindness in the future.

The managers desire to acknowledge the receipt of an excellent stove, the gift of the workmen in the employ of West & Vannort.

The following donations towards the permanent endowment of the "Home" have been received, and appropriated towards the payment for the lot:

Capt. E. L. F. Hardcastle.....	\$ 100 00
Mrs. James L. Martin	100 00
Dr. J. L. Adkins	50 00
J. D. Clark.....	50 00
	———— \$300 00

Diocesan Convention of Easton.

HOME FOR FRIENDLESS CHILDREN, IN ACCOUNT WITH E. A. GOLDSBOROUGH.

Subscriptions from Parishes.

St. Stephen's Church, North Sassafras Parish, Cecil County.	\$46.50	
Trinity " Elkton "	4.66	
St. James' " Port Deposit " "	33.00	
North East " St Mary Anne's Parish, Cecil County.	17.00	
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		\$101.16
Chester Parish, Kent County.....	29.22	
I. U. " " "	2.90	
St. Paul's Parish, Kent County.....	22.11	
North Kent Parish, Kent County.....	10.39	
Shrewsbury " " "	15.00	
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		79.62
St. Paul's Parish, Queen Anne's County.....	37.40	
Christ Church, Kent Island, Queen Anne's County.	44.50	
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		81.90
St. John's Parish, Hillsborough, Caroline County.		13.50
St. Peter's Parish, Easton, Talbot County.....	172.30	
St. Michael's Parish, Christ Church, Talbot County.....	65.00	
" " " St. John's Chapel, Talbot County.....	69.75	
" " " All Saints Church " "	12.00	
Whitemarsh " " "	45.00	
Wye " " "	15.00	
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		378.95
Great Choptank Parish, Dorchester County.....	104.00	
East New Market Parish, Dorchester County.	8.75	
Dorchester " " "	11.50	
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		124.25
Somerset Parish, Princess Anne, Somerset County.....		76.50
Spring Hill Parish, Salisbury, Wicomico County.		2.00
Worcester Parish, St. Paul's Church, Worcester County.....	20.00	
All Hallows Parish, Snow Hill " "	30.50	
Pocomoke " St. Mary's Church " "	50.00	
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		100.50
Total subscription from the Eastern Shore.....		<hr/>
		\$958.38
Donations for building lot	328.00	
Product of farm.....	178.71	
Donations and miscellaneous receipts	73.42	
Interest on loans	82.00	
Loans paid in	2,550.00	
Sale of old Home	3,375.80	
Balance, May 25th, 1872.....	26.02	
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		\$7,572.33

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Expenditures.

Supplies.....	\$370.18
Clothing.....	133.43
Medicines	38.56
Matron's salary	200.00
Wages	149.75
Fuel and general expenses	388.86
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Total current expenses	\$1,280.78
Building lot.....	600.00
New Home building	5,224.62
Loaned.....	350.00
Balance in bank June 4th, 1873	116.93
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\$7,572.33	
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E. A. GOLDSBOROUGH, *Treasurer.*

The following sums have been received for the Home lot, being the only contributions to the permanent endowment of the Institution, made in the Diocese :

From Capt. E. L. F. Hardcastle.....	\$100.00
" Mrs. Ellen F. Martin.....	100.00
" Dr. J. L. Adkins.....	50.00
" J D. Clark, Esq.....	50.00

LIST OF OFFICERS.

MRS. HENRY C. LAY, *President.*
 MISS ANNA M. LL. EARLE, *Vice President.*
 MRS. TENCH TILGHMAN, *Recording Secretary.*
 MRS. M. M. DAWSON, *Corresponding Secretary.*
 MRS. GEO. R. GOLDSBOROUGH, *Treasurer.*

MANAGERS.

MRS. J. E. M. CHAMBERLAINE,	MRS. A. M. HOLLYDAY,
" J. A. W. POWELL,	" ELIZABETH LOVEDAY,
" J. C. W. POWELL,	" JULIUS A. JOHNSON,
" E. O. DAWSON,	" JOHN W. CHEEZUM,
" SAM. A. HARRISON,	MISS AMELIA G. PINKNEY,
" JOSEPH V. B. WRIGHT,	" JOSIE P. DAVIDSON.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

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 J. L. ADKINS, M. D., E. M. HARDCASTLE, M. D.
 MR. JOHN MCD. GOLDSBOROUGH.

LEGAL ADVISER.

CHARLES H. GIBSON, Esq.

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DR. JOHN C. EARLE, DR. JAMES M. H. BATEMAN.

MATRON.

MRS. S. H. WINDSOR.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

MISS J. WHITTEN.

DR. *Convention of P. E. Church in the Diocese of Easton, in act. with THOS. HUGHLETT, Treasurer.* CR.

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The above statement I respectfully submit,

THOMAS HUGHLETT.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR 1873-74.

Traveling expenses of Bishop	\$20 00	Amount raised	\$325
Section of Convention.....	10 00	" collected.....	444
Secretary of Convention.....	25 00		
Registrar.....	15 00		\$ 51
Expense attending Committees.....	50 00	Short of meeting expenses	\$209 00
Printing, &c.....	\$25 00	I think it would be wise to increase the Parochial Contributions at least one	
One-third of expense of General Convention.....	71 00	third, if no more.	
		The attention of the Committee on Parochial Contributions is most respect-	
		fully called to the above.	
	\$259 00		
	\$444 00		
	\$209 00		

THOMAS HUGHLETT, Treasurer.

June 2d. 1873.

7, 1873.

Appropriations.

	Episcopal Fund.	Home of Friendless.	Diocesan Missions.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Increase of Ministry.	Clergy Relief.	Other Purposes.
..	.....	13 50	12 14	.....	.....	.....	.....	28 00
..	.....	.....	.....	4 20	3 17	.....	.....	.....
00	248 50	17 00	10 46	9 00	.....	8 00	.....	118 39
00	107 00	33 00	25 00	5 00	5 00	.....	10 00	.....
00	390 25	.....	12 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
00	166 72	.....	43 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	340 00
00	63 90	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
00	.....	40 00	5 00	2 50	2 50	8 00	.....	.....
00	190 89	104 00	144 51	73 46	.....	12 85	.....	110 00
00	.....	15 00	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
00	.....	28 22	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 50
00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 25
00	49 70	15 00	51 25	14 21	.....	.....	.....	.....
00	111 92	42 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
00	.....	.....	62 00	.....	31 19	.....	.....	.....
00	.....	13 00	12 87	.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....
00	.....	.....	46 93	4 00	4 00	.....	.....	.....
00	255 80	84 00	93 25	84 50	.....	190 00	.....	181 67
00	236 68	50 00	55 00	16 00	14 00	.....	.....	18 44
00	550 00	165 00	202 85	25 00	10 00	.....	.....	60 00
00	432 02	174 20	373 91	184 94	57 47	18 83	30 50	328 22
00	81 65	49 60	69 26	6 02	9 00	138 00
00	226 50	2 00	11 05	51 67	9 55	6 00	90 11
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00	390 17	30 50	14 75	16 51	46 39	10 00
00	170 62	20 00	40 00
..	1456 09	382 86	113 29
00	\$6128 41	\$1287 88	\$1502 82	\$497 01	\$198 27	\$261 68	\$40 50	\$1390 58

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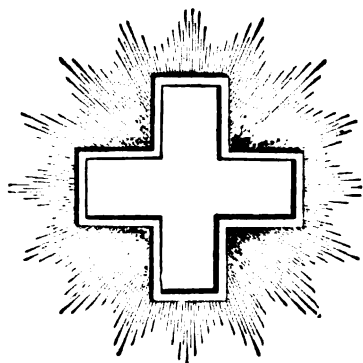
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MEETINGS OF CONVOCATIONS.

NORTHERN CONVOCATION.

The REV. LEWIS WALKER, *Dean*.

Second Tuesday (8th) in September, Elkton. First Tuesday (2nd) in February, Chestertown. Second Tuesday (11th) in May, Shrewsbury

MIDDLE CONVOCATION.

The REV. THEO. P. BARBER, *Dean*.

Fourth Tuesday (22nd) in September, Wye. Second Tuesday (9th) in February, Cambridge. Fourth Tuesday (27th) in April, White Marsh.

SOUTHERN CONVOCATION.

The REV. JOHN CROSDALE, *Dean*.

Fourth Tuesday (25th) in August, Berlin. Fourth Tuesday (26th) in January, Salisbury. Second Tuesday (13th) in April, Princess Anne.

The times and places above named are subject to such changes as may be made by the respective Deans, with the sanction of the Bishop

HOME OF THE FRIENDLESS.

Applications for admission to the Home for Friendless Children, must be made, in writing, to the President of the Board of Managers, Mrs HENRY C. LAY; or to the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. M. M. DAWSON, Easton, Talbot County, Maryland.

Remittances should be sent to Mrs. G. R. GOLDSBOROUGH, Easton. Boxes of supplies should be marked with the name of the Parish, and directed "to the Home of the Friendless, Easton, Md."

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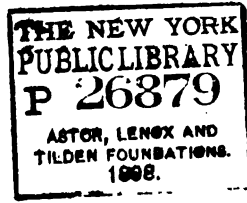
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LIST OF THE CLERGY

OF THE

DIOCESE OF EASTON, JUNE 3D, 1874.

* * Those whose names are in *italics*, are not entitled to a seat in the Convention, and those marked with a * did not attend its sessions.

- Rt. Rev. HENRY C. LAY, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese.
Rev. JOHN CROSDALE, Rector of Pocomoke Parish.
" THEODORE P. BARBER, Rector of Great Choptank Parish.
" **John A. Thompson*, residing on Kent Island.
" *ERASTUS F. DASHIELL, Rector of St. Michael's Parish.
" GEORGE F. BEAVEN, Rector of St. John's Parish.
" JAS. L. BRYAN, M. D., Deacon, Assistant Minister of Great Choptank.
" **Thomas L. Green*, residing at Church Hill.
" *JOSEPH N. WATTSON, Rector of Christ Church Parish.
" JOHN O. BARTON, Rector of Somerset Parish.
" WILLIAM FULTON, D. D., Rector of Spring Hill Parish.
" JAMES A. MITCHELL, Rector of St. Paul's Parish, Queen Anne's Co.
" ROBERT WILSON, M. D., Rector of St. Peter's Parish.
" JOHN MARTIN, Rector of St. James' Church, Port Deposit.
" EDWARD J. STEARNS, Rector of St. Mary's, Whitechapel Parish.
" WILLIAM B. EVERETT, M. D., Minister in Wye Parish.
" GEORGE S. FITZHUGH, Minister in Worcester Parish.
" **Edward G. Perryman*.
" JAMES W. HOSKINS, Rector of E. New Market and Vienna Parishes.
" *STEPHEN C. ROBERTS, Rector of Chester Parish.
" SAMUEL D. HALL, Rector of Shrewsbury Parish.
" C. H. WILLIAMSON, M. D., Rector of All Hallows' Parish.
" HENRY A. SKINNER, Rector of Trinity Parish.
" *JOSEPH W. TURNER, Deacon, Principal of the Bishop's Schools at Easton.
" LEWIS WALKER, Rector of North Sassafras Parish.
" D. M. ELLWOOD, Deacon, Missionary in Dorchester Parish.

In all, the Bishop, 22 Priests and 3 Deacons=26.

LIST OF CLERGY,
WITH POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

- 1 The Rt. Rev. HENRY C. LAY, D. D., Easton, Talbot Co., Md.
- 2 " Rev. THEODORE P. BARBER, Cambridge, Dorchester Co., Md.
- 3 " " JOHN O. BARTON, Princess Anne, Somerset Co., Md.
- 4 " " GEORGE F. BEAVEN, Hillsborough, Caroline Co., Md.
- 5 " " JAMES L. BRYAN, Cambridge, Dorchester Co., Md.
- 6 " " JOHN CROSDALE, Newtown, Worcester Co., Md.
- 7 " " ERASTUS F. DASHIELL, St. Michael's, Talbot Co., Md.
- 8 " " D. M. ELLWOOD, M. D., Taylor's Island, Dorchester Co., Md.
- 9 " " WM. B. EVERETT, Wye Mills, Talbot Co., Md.
- 10 " " GEORGE S. FITZHUGH.
- 11 " " WILLIAM FULTON, D. D., Salisbury, Wicomico Co., Md.
- 12 " " THOS. L. GREEN, Church Hill, Queen Anne's Co., Md.
- 13 " " SAM'L. D. HALL, Locust Grove, Kent Co., Md.
- 14 " " JAS. W. HOSKINS, East New Market, Dorchester Co., Md.
- 15 " " JOHN MARTIN, Port Deposit, Cecil Co., Md.
- 16 " " JAS. A. MITCHELL, Centreville, Queen Anne's Co., Md.
- 17 " " EDWARD G. PERRYMAN, Perrymansville, Harford Co., Md.
- 18 " " STEPHEN C. ROBERTS, Chestertown, Kent Co., Md.
- 19 " " HENRY A. SKINNER, Elkton, Cecil Co., Md.
- 20 " " EDWARD J. STEARNS, Denton, Caroline Co., Md.
- 21 " " JOHN A. THOMPSON, Kent Island, Queen Anne's Co., Md.
- 22 " " JOSEPH W. TURNER, Easton, Talbot Co., Md.
- 23 " " JOSEPH N. WATTSON, Massey's, Kent Co., Md.
- 24 " " LEWIS WALKER, Cecilton, Cecil Co., Md.
- 25 " " C. H. WILLIAMSON, M. D., Snow Hill, Worcester Co., Md.
- 26 " " ROBERT WILSON, M. D., Easton, Talbot Co., Md.

LIST

OF

PARISHES AND CONGREGATIONS IN THE DIOCESE OF
EASTON, WITH THE CLERGY OF THE SAME;

AND OF

LAY DELEGATES TO THE SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Lay Delegates marked with a * did not attend.

CAROLINE COUNTY.

St. John's Parish.	<i>Lay Delegates.</i>
St. Paul's Church, Hillsborough,	
— Church, Greensborough,	
Rev. George F. Beaven, Rector.	J. P. Manlove.
St. Mary's Whitechapel Parish.	
Christ Church, Denton,	
Rev. Edward J. Stearns, Rector.	Geo. M. Russum.

CECIL COUNTY.

Augustine Parish.	
St. Augustine Church.	
North Elk or St. Mary Anne's Parish.	
St. Mary Anne's Church, Northeast,	
St. Mark's Chapel, Perryville,	Jos. Coudon.
North Sassafras Parish.	
St. Stephen's Church,	
Rev. Lewis Walke, Rector.	Ed. S. Jones.
Trinity Parish.	
Trinity Church, Elkton,	
Rev. Henry A. Skinner, Rector.	G. W. Cruikshank.
St. James' Church.	
St. James' Church, Port Deposit,	
Rev. John Martin, Rector.	H. L. Physick.

DORCHESTER COUNTY.

Dorchester Parish.	<i>Lay Delegates.</i>
Trinity Church, Church Creek,	
Grace Church, Taylor's Island,	
Rev. D. M. Ellwood, M. D.,	
Deacon officiating.	R. L. Spilman.
East New Market Parish.	
St. Stephen's Church, East New Market,	
Rev. James W. Hoskins, Rector.	Thos. Leckie.
Great Choptank Parish.	
Christ Church, Cambridge,	
St. John's Chapel, Castle Haven Neck,	
Rev. Theo. P. Barber, Rector.	Daniel M. Henry.
Rev. Jas. L. Bryan, M. D., Deacon,	C. Sulivane.
Assistant Minister.	
Vienna Parish.	
St. Paul's Church, Vienna,	
Rev. Jas. W. Hoskins, Rector.	J. A. Higgins.

KENT COUNTY.

Chester Parish.	
St. Paul's Church, Chestertown,	
Rev. Stephen C. Roberts, Rector.	Wm. S. Walker.
I. U. Parish.	
Christ Church,	Sewell Hepbron.
North Kent Parish.	
St. Clement's Church, Massey's,	C. H. B. Massey, M. D.
St. Paul's Parish.	
St. Paul's Church.	
Shrewsbury Parish.	
Shrewsbury Church,	
Rev. Samuel D. Hall, Rector.	*Wm. Janvier.

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY.

Christ Church Parish.	
Christ Church, Kent Island,	
Rev. Joseph N. Wattson, Rector.	*Edward C. Legg.
St. Luke's Parish.	
St. Luke's Church, Church Hill,	Jos. E. George.
St. Paul's Parish.	
St. Paul's Church, Centreville,	
Rev. Jas. A. Mitchell, Rector.	*Jas. T. Earle.

QUEEN ANNE'S AND TALBOT COUNTIES.

Wye Parish.	
St. Luke's Church, Queenstown,	
St. Luke's Chapel, Wye,	
Rev. Wm. B. Everett, M. D.,	
Minister in charge.	

List of Parishes, &c.

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SOMERSET COUNTY.

Coventry Parish.

Rehoboth Church, Rehoboth,
St. Paul's Church, Annessex,
St. Mark's Church, Kingston,
St. Stephen's Church, Fairmount,
Rev. John Crosdale,
Minister in charge.

Lay Delegates.

Thos. Williams.

Somerset Parish.

All Saints' Church, Monie,
St. Andrew's Church, Princess Anne,
Rev. John O. Barton, Rector.

H. H. Dashiell.

Wicomico Parish.

Grace Church.

SOMERSET AND WORCESTER COUNTIES.

Pocomoke Parish.

St. Mary's Church, Newtown,
Rev. John Crosdale, Rector.

S. S. McMaster.

TALBOT COUNTY.

St. Michael's Parish.

St. Michael's Church, St. Michael's,
St. John's Church, Miles River Ferry,
St. Paul's Chapel, Royal Oak,
All Saints' Church, Longwoods,
Rév. Erastus F. Dashiell, Rector.

G. R. Goldsborough.

St. Peter's Parish.

Christ Church, Easton,
Chapel of the Holy Cross, Easton Point,
Rev. Robt. Wilson, M. D., Rector.

J. L. Adkins, M. D.

Church of the Holy Trinity, Oxford.

Whitemarsh Parish.

St. Peter's Church, Whitemarsh,
St. Paul's Church, Trappe.

Jos. B. Seth.

WICOMICO COUNTY.

St. Matthew's Parish.

St. Matthew's Church.

Spring Hill Parish.

St. Peter's Church,
St. Peter's Chapel, Salisbury,
St. Philip's Chapel, Quantico,
Rev. Wm. Fulton, D. D., Rector.

Wm. Waller.

Stepney Parish.

Stepney Church, Green Hill,
St. Mary's Chapel, Tyaskin.

E. Riall.

the Bishop of the Diocese (President), the Rev. Lewis Walke, the Rev.
Theo. P. Barber, the Rev. John Crosdale, Messrs. J. L. Adkins, M. D.
(Treasurer), Jos. E. M. Chamberlaine, M. D., ~~and~~
~~Treasurer of the Diocese, Boston.~~

the Rev. Robert Wilson, M. D., the Rev. E. F. Dashiell, Messrs. John M. Goldsborough, J. L. Adkins, M. D., E. M. Hardcastle, M. D.

the Rev. E. F. Dashiell, the Rev. Jos. N. Wattson, the Rev. E. J. Stearns,
the Rev. Jas. A. Mitchell.

the Rev. Theo. P. Barber, the Rev. E. J. Stearns, the Rev. E. F. Dashiell.

the Bishop (President *ex officio*), the Rev. E. F. Dashiell, the Rev. Robert Wilson, M. D., and Messrs. E. L. F. Hardcastle and John C. Earle, M. D.

Rev. Robert Wilson, M. D., P. O., Easton, Md. ;
Rev. John Crosdale, P. O., Newtown, Md.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with prayer.
2. This Convention shall sit for the dispatch of business, beginning with Divine service, at such hours as each Convention may determine.
3. At the opening of the session, the Convention shall be called to order by the Bishop; or, if there be no Bishop, or he be absent, by the President of the Standing Committee, or by some member of that body appointed by those of its members who may be present.

4. The names of the Clergymen, from a list furnished by the Bishop, and if there be no Bishop, by the Standing Committee, shall then be called over by the Secretary of the last Convention, or, in his absence, by some person appointed by the Bishop or other person who called the Convention to order. The Lay Delegates shall then lay their Certificates upon the table, and subscribe the Declaration required by the Constitution. If a quorum of both orders appear, the Bishop, if present, shall announce the fact, and declare that the Convention is organized and ready for business.

5. In case of the absence of the Bishop, or of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the person who called the Convention to order shall announce that there is a quorum present. The Convention shall then proceed to elect a President, according to the seventh article of the Constitution; who shall, so soon as his election is completed, take the chair and declare that the Convention is **organized and ready for business.**

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the Admission of New Parishes and Congregations into union with this Convention, to consist of two clergymen and one layman; one on the Episcopal Fund, to consist of two laymen and one clergyman; and one on Canons and other business, to consist of two clergymen and one layman. The Chair shall also appoint all other Committees for the appointment of which no other provision is made, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

8. Every member shall take his seat when the President takes the chair, and remain uncovered until he shall have left the Convention.

9. Every member who shall speak in any debate, shall stand up in his place and respectfully address himself to the President.

10. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the President shall decide who shall speak first.

11. No member shall speak more than twice in any debate without leave. If any member shall rise to speak more than twice on the same question without leave, the President shall call him to order. No member shall be interrupted while he is speaking in order.

12. Any member who is speaking shall take his seat when called to order by the President or any other member.

13. No member shall speak to another so as to interrupt any member who may be speaking in debate.

14. No motion shall be debated until the same shall be seconded, and, if desired by any member, reduced to writing and read by the Secretary.

15. When a motion is made and seconded, the matter of the motion shall receive a determination by the question, before any motion not privileged shall be received.

16. Privileged motions, in their order of precedence, shall be to adjourn, to postpone indefinitely, to lay on the table, to amend, and to offer a substitute; the question on the first three to be taken without debate.

17. If a question contain more parts than one, any member may have the same divided into as many questions as there are parts.

18. All questions of order shall be decided by the President; but there shall be a right of appeal to the Convention.

19. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention; and shall not be again drawn into debate during the session, except with the consent of two-thirds of the Convention.

20. No question shall be taken on any report, unless upon a motion to print or re-commit it; but Reports shall, as of course, lie upon the table. If a Committee deem any action of the Convention desirable, it shall be their duty to present in writing such Resolutions, Acts, or Canons as they may think it should adopt; which only shall be subject to the action of the Convention. Every act which divides a Parish, or in any way affects Parish Boundaries, shall distinctly set out the new boundaries which it is intended to establish. The Convention will not act upon any proposed Resolution, Act, or Canon, which is not conformed to the provisions of this rule.

21. All elections shall be by ballot, unless otherwise ordered; the votes of the clergy and laity shall be received and counted separately; but the vote shall be regarded as a joint one, and the election shall be decided by a majority of the whole number of votes taken together, unless a vote by Orders shall have been required agreeably to the fifth article of the Constitution.

22. It shall be the order of the day at 12 M. on the second day of the session of the Convention, to elect the Standing Committee and the other officers, whom it is the duty of the Convention to appoint.

23. The foregoing Rules of Order shall be deemed and considered the Rules of Order of all future Conventions, until altered or rescinded; and the same shall be published in the Journal of each Convention.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

THE SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION *of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Easton*, assembled in St. Peter's Church, Salisbury, on Wednesday, the third day of June, 1874, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Messrs. Bryan, Stearns and Martin. The Ante-Communion Service was said by the Bishop of the Diocese, the Rev. Dr. Fulton reading the Epistle, the Rev. Mr. Barber, the Gospel.

The Convention Sermon was preached by the Rev. James W. Hoskins, from i. Cor. i., 4.

The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Barber, Ellwood and Bryan.

Divine Service concluded, the Right Rev. the President, called the Convention to order. The Rev. Jas. L. Bryan, Secretary of the last Convention, proceeded to call the Roll of Clergy entitled to seats, from a list furnished by the Bishop, when the following answered to their names :

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop,
The Rev. Mr. Barber,
" " Barton,
" " Bryan,
" " Crosdale,
" " Ellwood,
" " Fitzhugh,
" Dr. Fulton,

The Rev. Mr. Hoskins,
" " Martin,
" " Mitchell,
" " Skinner,
" " Stearns,
" " Walke,
" " Williamson,
" " Wilson.

The certificates of Lay Delegates, being laid upon the Secretary's desk, the list of such Delegates was read, when the following were found to be present, viz :

Mr. Adkins,	Mr. McMaster,
" Bishop,	" Purnell,
" Coudon,	" Physick,
" Cruikshank,	" Riall,
" Dashiell,	" Russum,
" George,	" Seth,
" Goldsborough,	" Spilman,
" Hepbron,	" Sulivane,
" Jones,	" Walker,
" Leckie,	" Waller.
" Massey,	

=21.

A quorum of both orders being present, the President announced that the Convention was duly organized, and that the first business in order was the election of a Secretary.

The Rev. Mr. Stearns nominated the Rev. James L. Bryan, and there being no other nomination, an election by ballot was dispensed with, and the Rev. Mr. Bryan was re-elected.

The President appointed Mr. William S. Walker, Assistant Secretary.

The President announced the following Committees :

On Rights of Clergymen to Seats.—The Rev. Messrs. Barton, Mitchell and Skinner.

On Elections.—Messrs. Massey, Sulivane and Jones.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Barber, it was

Resolved, That visiting Clergymen from other Dioceses, Clergymen and officers of this Diocese, not entitled to seats, and candidates for Holy Orders, with the Vestry of this Parish, be invited to attend the sittings of this Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Stearns, it was

Resolved, That this Convention meet for business, on Thursday and Friday mornings at 9 o'clock, open with Divine Service, and adjourn at 1 P. M. Meet again at 3½ P. M., adjourn at 5½ P. M., to meet at 8 P. M.

On motion, the Convention then adjourned to meet at 8 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

Evening Prayer being said, by the Rev. Messrs. Wilson and Fitzhugh, the Convention was called to order by the Bishop.

Mr. Massey, from the Committee on Elections, reported the following Lay Delegates as entitled to seats, viz :

Messrs. J. L. Adkins, G. W. Bishop, Jos. Coudon, G. W. Cruikshank, H. H. Dashiell, James T. Earle, Joseph E. George, G. R. Goldsborough, Sewell Hepbron, D. M. Henry, J. A. Higgins, E. S. Jones, Thomas Leckie, Edward C. Legg, J. P. Manlove, C. H. B. Massey, S. S. McMaster, John S. Purnell, H. L. Physick, E. Riall, G. M. Russum, Jos. B. Seth, R. L. Spilman, C. Sulivane, William S. Walker, William Waller, Thomas Williams.

The Rev. Mr. Barton, from the Committee on Rights of Clergymen to Seats, reported the following list of Clergymen entitled to seats, viz :

The Rt. Rev. Henry C. Lay, D.D., the Rev. Messrs. Theo. P. Barber, John O. Barton, Geo. F. Beaven, Jas. L. Bryan, John Crosdale, Erastus F. Dashiell, David M. Ellwood, Wm. B. Everett, Geo. S. Fitzhugh, Wm. Fulton, D.D., Sam'l D. Hall, Jas. W. Hoskins, John Martin, Jas. A. Mitchell, Stephen C. Roberts, Henry A. Skinner, Edward J. Stearns, Jos. W. Turner, Jos. N. Wattson, Lewis Walke, Chas. H. Williamson, Robert Wilson.

The President announced the following Committees :—

On Accounts.—Messrs. Massey, Jones, Spilman.

Parochial Contributions.—Messrs. Seth, Russum, Cruikshank.

Admission of New Parishes.—The Rev. Messrs. Martin and Williamson, and Mr. Hepbron.

On the Episcopal Fund.—The Rev. Messrs. Crosdale and Mitchell, and Messrs. Sulivane and Coudon.

On Canons.—The Rev. Mr. Barber, the Rev. Dr. Fulton, Mr. Henry.

On the State of the Church.—The Rev. Messrs. Wilson, Barton and Wattson, and Messrs. McMaster and Goldsborough.

The Bishop then read his Address, as follows :—

ADDRESS OF THE BISHOP.

BRETHREN BELOVED IN THE LORD :

In the good Providence of God, we find ourselves once more convened in sacred council, happy to exchange fraternal greetings, and at full liberty, in the absence of perturbation or antagonism, to devote our most heedful attention to all that concerns the advancement of the kingdom of God.

We in this Diocese of Easton lead “a quiet and peaceable life”: may the rest of the text be also true of us—“in all godliness and honesty”! And if our history be uneventful and void of special interest to others than ourselves, we will indulge the hope that it is quietness, not torpor, which is the true explanation of the lack of incident.

Since the Diocese was organized no member of the Convention, clerical or lay, has been removed by death: yet how much changed is this body since its first annual meeting in 1869! Of the Clergy then present but one-half remain, and of that half only five are Rectors of the same parishes. A change of administration during a period of five years in all the parishes except five, is a serious matter: and yet the larger number of those who have removed from the Diocese, or changed their cures within it, have done so with great reluctance, either seeking an adequate support, or failing that, preferring an exchange of poverties. I think that a more generous and affectionate temper towards their spiritual fathers is growing up among the laity. It needs this only to ensure stability in the pastoral relation. Occasionally I am cheered by the knowledge of some very generous gifts: I could not do the donors the unkindness of bringing their good deeds into more prominent notice.

Although the stream of our affairs has flowed on thus quietly, unruffled by serious disaster or by polemic strife, we do not fail to lend our sympathy and our interest to all that concerns the Church at large.

We deplore the bereavement which the American Church has sustained in the death of three of its Bishops. These Fathers in God, Randall, Armitage, and Auer, belonged severally to the

three classes who make up our Episcopate—the Domestic Missionary, the Diocesan, and the Foreign Missionary Bishops. They were very diverse in their gifts and in their temperament. Randall was the very embodiment of enterprise: Armitage won all hearts by his rare sweetness and gentleness of soul: Auer had gained the confidence of the Church by his prudence, self-sacrifice and fidelity. Each of them filled his place worthily and well; each of them died as a Christian man and a Christian Bishop may be thankful to die.

THE QUESTIONS OF THE DAY.

We do not pretend indifference to the schism which has been organized in our communion under the name of a Reformed Episcopal Church. It is to us a matter of grief and mortification. Indisposed as we are to pursue with revilings those who have organized this schism, we care not to withhold the expression of our wonder that the consideration of policy alone did not deter them from a course of action which shocks the moral sense of upright minds. For myself I respect the conscientious scruples of one who, however he may be mistaken in judgment, vacates his office in the Church when he can no longer represent her honestly. But the artifice of attempting to propagate a hostile ministry while yet a Bishop of this Church, as Dr. Cummins is to-day, and the indecency of pretending to consecrate one who had spurned contemptuously all his ordination vows, deserve the reprobation of honest people. What is to become of the sanctity of oaths in any department of life, if they impose no restraint and may be unspoken at the pleasure of one party, without any reference to the interests of the other party who exacted the oath as the condition precedent of bestowing her highest office?

The new sect is small in numbers and feeble in influence; and yet it is not to be despised. It is likely to gain other adherents, and should it secure the adhesion of some one man capable of leading others, it may find a place among the religious bodies of the country. It is not impossible that a Prayer Book with all the doctrine eliminated out of it, may find favour with the many who are disposed to adopt Matthew Arnold's definition of Religion as "Morality touched with emotion." We are not responsible for what may happen in the future, only we must be

careful to teach firmly yet modestly, boldly yet kindly, that the Christian system is not what an individual may wish that it should be or fancy that it really is: it is a religion of definite and invariable belief, a regimen of distinct and well-defined powers and duties.

It has been pleaded in behalf of this movement that it is made imperative by the tendencies towards superstition in our Communion. The argument is that the Prayer Book does teach the doctrines of a Christian Priesthood, of a new birth in Holy Baptism, of a Real Presence in the Blessed Eucharist, of a power and authority in the ministers of Christ to remit and to retain sins.

It is said that these teachings, logically carried out, lead to the Sacrifice of the Mass, the *opus operatum* of Baptism, to Transubstantiation and the Sacrament of Penance.

And the conclusion is that the Church can be purified only by striking out from her formularies all that savours of sacerdotal function and of sacramental mystery.

We admit the major premiss, but deny the minor, and with it the conclusion. Our Anglican Doctors have with singular unanimity affirmed that the Prayer Book, uttering the voice of all antiquity, does teach the doctrines of sacramental grace and of priestly authority. Holding that there is but one Priest in the utmost sense of the word, without successor, in that He lives forever, one only propitiatory sacrifice which can never be repeated, they hold that Christ imparts His Priesthood as His Kingliness to all the members of His body. To deny a Priesthood in the Christian Church is to withstand St. Peter: "Ye are a royal priesthood," says that Apostle. There are various measures and grades of these high gifts. The father of a household is king and priest in a higher sense than those over whom he rules and for whom he intercedes. And in the Church, the larger family of God, there are men whom God hath set there with yet larger powers of government and peculiar functions which call them to stand before the Lord and to minister in behalf of His people.

It has ever been held that there is in the Sacraments a mystery, a grace not naturally inherent in them, but imparted by the special concession of Him who instituted them: a grace not necessarily promoting sanctification, but like God's spoken

word, like all other privileges in this, that it enhances responsibility, "a sweet savour of Christ in them that are saved, and in them that perish."

Even thus it has been constantly held that while Forgiveness of Sins belongs to God alone, while in the secret counsel and purpose of God it is accorded on the instant to any and every transgressor who truly submits himself to His will and pleads the mercy of God in Christ, still is Forgiveness a transaction in time, manifested openly, signed, sealed and delivered to us for our comfort by competent authority in an act cognizable by the senses.

These are indeed germs in the Prayer Book, blessed germs of evangelic faith and saintly comfort: their fair fruits are seen not in the aberrations of individual minds, but in the pure life of the holy men and women of many generations who call the Anglican Church their mother. That they are Romish germs we utterly deny. Shew us one sentence in the Prayer Book which even by remote inference deprives the individual Christian soul of his lofty privilege of personal access to the Father of all spirits, or teaches him that the mechanical use of the means of grace will in anywise avail one who turns not with all his heart to God, or that encourages him instead of bearing his own burden as one free to choose life or death, to devolve that responsibility upon a spiritual director, and that sentence we would unite as one man to expunge.

The defection of the Assistant Bishop of Kentucky, and the controversies connected therewith have served to quicken the interest of the Church in some great questions which must soon come under review in our highest Council. There is a general disposition to heed the just complaints of those who are offended by novelties in doctrine and practice.

I do not profess to see my way clearly through the difficulties before us, and I hope to derive much help from the wisdom of my brethren who will soon come together to consider these matters. It may be, however, that I can assist you in considering how you shall throw the weight of your influence, by suggesting as frankly as I can, the considerations which it seems to me should enter into the determination of questions which now press us hard.

The things complained of may be specified as three in number, viz: the doctrine and practice of Eucharistic Adoration, the introduction of the Confessional, and the use of unauthorized and offensive Ritual.

Touching Eucharistic Adoration, with its underlying theory of an Objective Presence, there is a remarkable unanimity among the Bishops of this Church. Not one avows any sympathy with it: nearly all are outspoken against it.

Those who hold this doctrine deny that it is identical with Transubstantiation. They affirm a spiritual presence in and under the elements which does not imply any material change in the elements. I am indisposed to question the abstract justice of this distinction. Nay more, considering the latitude of interpretation which the Church has always tolerated in the explanation of mysteries, one might well be indisposed to censure those who hold such a view as an opinion merely. The opposite extreme of opinion, which robs the elements of any sacred character whatever, has been tolerated even to the extent of profanation.

But when we come to formal teaching and overt acts, there is ground for serious alarm. I cannot imagine anything more sensuous than the language that has come to be used: as for instance, the warning so to receive the cup as to avoid the danger of "spilling the precious blood." Nothing can be more carnal or material than this conception of a real presence.

Moreover, a new purpose and a new efficacy are imputed to the Holy Sacrament, without a word of warrant in the Scriptures. To plead and represent before God the sacrifice of the Cross, and to feed upon the flesh of the true Paschal Lamb, these are the recognized uses of the Holy Eucharist as intimated in Holy Writ and affirmed by our Fathers. But this theory teaches that above and beside these objects there is another. The Blessed Lord localizes His sacred presence, so that we may address our worship to Him under the form of a thing material and visible. The inability under our laws to reserve the sacrament alone debars us from having God always enshrined, where we may always see, as a Shechinah, the very covering in which He enshrouds Himself: and failing the reserved sacrament, loyal Christians who do not intend to communicate, should avail themselves of every

opportunity of celebration, to come into the Church in order to adore Him in the elements.

The Church does not hold this doctrine. By specifying exhaustively, as she has done, the uses and benefits of this Holy Sacrament, if she does not absolutely exclude any other accidental benefit, she certainly does exclude a use and an object which affect the very design of its institution.

Some great names are pleaded in behalf of this doctrine. We may not forget the debt we owe to the learning and the fervour of Pusey and of Keble. But neither may we call any man master upon earth. Such men may hold this opinion so corrected by their soundness of judgment and their spirituality of temper that it shall not do them great harm. But as taught and illustrated to the many under the sanction of the Church's commission, it is fraught with evil. We have need prudently and firmly to repress it by all lawful means.

Touching Auricular Confession, the Bishops are, I think, equally unanimous as in the matter just mentioned. They deprecate most earnestly the introduction of stated confession and private absolution as the habit and discipline of a Christian life. I freely grant that the Anglican Confessional as now set up, differs in some important respects from the Romish : but many of the worst features remain. There is the same inquisition into conscience, as if the object were for the priest not to ascertain the penitence of the man and to promote it, but rather to ascertain and catalogue his sins. There is the same systematic interference with the confidence of domestic life ; the same free handling of topics which, except under some very urgent necessity, should never be mentioned between man and woman ; the same distinction, so confusing to the moral sense, between sins mortal and venial ; the same ideas of penance ; the same darkening of the absolving comfort which inheres in the Holy Eucharist, by making a private absolution necessary before coming thereto.

There is a directory, entitled "The Priest in Absolution," sold only by special permit, and not accessible to the public, which I am assured is very generally used in England and in this country by the promoters of habitual confession. This book I have examined. While it does not go into as elaborate detail or make as painful suggestions as like works provided in the Church of

Rome, I cannot see that it differs substantially from them. It is a mild reproduction of the teachings of Liguori.

The late Bishop Wilberforce in his "Ordination Addresses" thus happily expresses the belief touching confession which has prevailed and now generally prevails in our communion :—

"It is plain that the Church never designed that the ministers of God's Word and Sacraments should abdicate that which is among the most important functions of their office, the dealing as ministers of God with the consciences of men.

"Yet on the other hand it is equally clear that there is a broad distinction between her intentions herein, and that of the Church of Rome. Can, then, this distinction be referred to any guiding principle of action? It seems to me that it may, and that we find the difference here. The object of the Roman communion and of our own is widely different, and this difference at once affects our several practice. The object of the Roman Church is to bring the conscience under the power of the Priest, to make him the judge to whose sentence it should absolutely defer. The object of our own Church is to awaken, enlighten and strengthen the conscience, that with the aid of Holy Scripture, and the ordinary public ministrations of God's Word, it may rightly guide the individual soul.

"With these different objects in view, there is between the two systems far more than a mere difference in degree. Every part of the priest's private ministrations with conscience is affected by it. The one is always seeking to subdue, the other to emancipate the individual conscience. And this difference of object has by degrees greatly affected the statements of doctrine, as well as the administration of discipline in the two communions.

"Thus it is not merely that private confession is enjoined upon all in the Roman communion, and only permitted in certain exceptional cases in ours, but that the spiritual aspect of the same act assumes a wholly different character in the two communions. The teaching of the Church of Rome is that confession to a priest is a direct sacramental ordinance of the Church of Christ; and that to be duly practised it must be secret and complete, numbering all remembered sins. So made, it is to be followed by private absolution, which, as it is held, conveys a special pardon for the sins so remembered and confessed; and

then, consistently with this system of confession, she recommends that every soul should be permanently under the direction of some priest ; that this spiritual director should habitually guide those who consult him ; that the conscience should be submitted to his keeping ; this is, in their view, the result to be aimed at ; it is the best state of spiritual health when most regularly and systematically the conscience lays down all its burden in confession before the minister of God, as a direct act of spiritual submission, and receives most humbly and obeys most implicitly his directions for all its conduct. It is not difficult to see what must be the effect of such a system. It will lead to many and great evils, and amongst them these. When confession to man is thus enforced, or even encouraged as a duty, instead of being allowed as a last permission to which, under certain circumstances, and as an extreme remedy, the stricken soul, unable to reassure itself, may have recourse, it will with many be used dishonestly. The habit of withholding the real and deepest sins of the soul, consistently with getting through confession, will soon be formed. On the other hand, those who strive to confess all will assuredly be led to weaken the spring of conscience by devolving that determination of what is right, which is its own solemn responsibility, to be discharged under the eye of God and by the light of His Word, to the decision of another for it. The confessor will take the place, first, of Christ, as the receiver of all the secrets of our guilt and shame and weakness, and then of the conscience as the judge, arbiter and director of our lives.

“Now, in opposition to this system, the Church of England, in exact conformity, as we maintain, with the Word of God, and the teaching and practice of the primitive Church, allows private confession instead of enforcing it, and recommends it only under certain prescribed circumstances and conditions, as a means of restoring health to a sick conscience, instead of treating the habit of confession as a state of health. She treats it, as wise men treat medical aids, as blessed means of renovation, stored by God’s mercy for their need in time of sickness, but still as not meant for and not wholly compatible with a settled habit of strong health. * * * * This, then, is what we should bear in mind in this delicate part of our office. We must seek to awaken a slumbering conscience, to heal one which is wounded.

If we see it possessed of apathy, we must use all our strength to rouse it ; if we think that we perceive it to be burdened by some secret load, we must strive to win it to hearty confession to God. If it be earnestly desired, we must ourselves receive, as God's ministers, the spiritual confidence of the burdened soul ; but we must do all this with the distinct aim of restoring the conscience to that healthier action in which it shall be able to guide the soul which God has, with the gift of individual personality, committed to its watchfulness and keeping."

I reserve for the present the question of Ritual innovations. Let us consider what may be done concerning the Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacramental Confession which some grave and good men desire, cautiously and with safeguards, to introduce into our practical system, and which some incautious and silly people make offensive and ridiculous.

It may be said, these things are in your judgment unauthorized by the Church, and opposed to the spirit, if not to the letter of her formularies. Why not then stamp them out, utterly and effectually, with new definition, with canon and with penalty? The General Convention has been blamed for its timidity, and the Bishops, of whose possible encroachments people are generally jealous enough, are censured for not exercising discipline with a strong hand.

I would fain persuade you, not by any means that we cannot apply a remedy to these ills, but that the case is one of enough delicacy and complication to forbid rough handling, and to demand the exercise of our largest patience and prudence.

"Few there are of so weak capacity," so says Hooker in a well-known passage, "but public evils they easily espy ; fewer so patient as not to complain when the grievous inconveniences thereof work sensible smart. Howbeit, to see wherein the harm which they feel consisteth, the seeds from which it sprang, and the method of curing it, belongeth to a skill, the study whereof is so full of toil, and the practice so beset with difficulties, that wary and respective men had rather seek quietly their own, and with that the world may go well, so it be not long of them, than with pain and hazard make themselves advisers for the common good."

I will enumerate some of the difficulties which men who have

no sympathy with the teachings under discussion, find in dealing with them.

We are confronted by a powerful religious body, the very perfection of an army, if indeed, as military authorities tell us, an army is in its true ideal a machine, swayed by a word and emptied of individuality. It coerces opinion: it scarcely deigns to appeal nowadays, as some of its great men were once wont to appeal to Scripture and Tradition. It stamps out abnormal opinion with an anathema.

In our own communion, we have held that this blindfolding of wandering eyes is too dear a price to pay for unity. Our motto is, in necessary things unity. We are wont to rely largely upon argument and persuasion. The enactment of law with penalty attached is in some sort an appeal to force. Only in the last resort, when an evil is flagrant and men seem insensible to moral influence, should the penal statute be introduced.

In dealing with opinions as with persons, we have need to regard our Lord's caution against precipitancy, "Nay, lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them." Much as we may deplore the error or the extravagance of partizan teaching, it is often impossible for a candid mind not to recognize that there was some serious evil which it sought to amend, and that it has been partially useful in reviving truths and duties of which we had been unmindful.

A quarter of a century ago there was too generally prevalent an inadequate view of the Holy Eucharist. Excess of reverence in the celebration of that sacred rite is not to-day the characteristic of most of our congregations. I should be ashamed to recite to you the instances of painful irreverence which have come under my own observation. We owe much to the Oxford movement in restoring the Lord's Supper practically to that place of eminence which it has always had in the theory of the Church. And we must be cautious not to repress any legitimate recognition of our Lord's condescension and goodness in thus drawing near to us while we draw near to Him.

Neither is excess of Pastoral Confidence the besetting sin of the Church. Our people, so far from being too dependent on us, have but too little use for us. Many of my brethren of the clergy must recognize the force of Mr. Keble's simile, that we pick our

way through our parishes like men with a dark lantern. How little do we know, most of us, of the spiritual conflict that goes on in the hearts of our people! How little personal help do we minister in the course of the year to individuals! How much is the pastor lost in the preacher.

I hold that there should be in general a large degree of religious confidence between pastor and people. We should encourage our parishioners to come to us freely with their difficulties and their doubts. I hold that there are special instances, in which besides accepting the confidence that is proffered us, we should prudently but courageously probe the conscience and bring out to the surface the accursed thing. Ah, Brethren! it is a great deal easier to be bold in the pulpit than to be brave in private. And how do the hearts of Christian people grow to that of a pastor who, while gentle and sympathizing, while himself too modest to pry curiously and without necessity into the sad secrets of a tempted soul, is too honest to heal their wounds slightly! Nay more—for I will keep back nothing from you—as there are cases of bodily disease which demand a physical exposure unwarrantable except in extremity, so do I hold that there are exceptional instances which authorize the more formal confession of secret sins, and may be assisted by a more authoritative declaration of the mercy which is in Christ Jesus.

I hold these convictions very earnestly: and yet I hold that the introduction of that disciplinary confession which is elaborated in "The Priest in Absolution" is fraught with incalculable evil. We must repress it, but not root it up violently, lest we debar ourselves from a measure of spiritual confidence necessary in the cure of souls; howbeit it is capable of abuse.

I might advert also to the exceeding difficulty which attends the framing of theological definitions, and of criminal indictments. Colenso's books are full of heresy, and yet it seemed impossible to maintain the charge in the courts of law when the extracts from them were sifted in every word and syllable. I have found, in serving on committees of the House of Bishops and the like, that when we had come to an understanding and an agreement, the hardest task remained, to formulate our conclusion in exact phrase, which could not be misinterpreted.

But it is of more importance to observe that all restrictive

legislation, if it is to be respected and enforced, must be impartial. We cannot restrain license in one direction and tolerate it in another.

I have always felt that when I asked the high privilege of serving the Church in Holy Orders, I consented then and there to draw a line between my private opinions and my official utterances. I bound myself to represent her mind, to teach what she delivered to me, and as she delivered it: to teach it as adequate for the exigencies of the Christian life, without supplementing it out of my individual resources.

Had I been so unfortunate as to discover, or rather to think I had discovered, that she had perverted or omitted anything which justly belongs to Evangelical and Catholic Christianity, I should have deemed it my duty to fall back into the ranks, and to surrender my staff of office to one who had less difficulty in repeating orders from the superior authority.

Others have taken a different view of their sacred function. It is not pretended that this Church, either expressly or by inference, has commissioned any to instruct the people after the act of consecration to adore our Blessed Lord in the elements: neither is it pretended that we are delegated to teach others that they do well, in seeking to attain a saintly life, to come habitually, before communicating, to the priest for the purpose of an unreserved confession and particular absolution. But say some, the Church means to be Catholic: these tenets and usages are Catholic: in becoming ministers of this Church, we have not lost our rights as priests of the Catholic Church.

The reply is easy and natural. We say, when you took office in this Church, you consented to yield to her judgment your interpretation of true Catholicity.

But there is another class of private interpreters. Confessedly, this Church has refrained from any dogmatic statement touching the true status and merits of the religious bodies who have grown up around her since the Reformation. She ordains those who have not Episcopal orders. She has not delegated authority to any one to distinguish between the various denominations as orthodox or heterodox, as having valid orders or none at all.

A great variety of private opinions on these matters is tolerable and is tolerated. But say some: True, I am a minister of this

Church, but I am also a minister of the Gospel. This reserve of the Church is not according to the pure Evangel. I claim the right not merely as an individual to meet all Christian people on the platform and in voluntary societies, but officially to unite with them in the ministry of the word and in the highest offices of our holy religion.

In an argument lately made before a Diocesan Convention I find the claim for liberty set forth in very distinct terms. "Standing on the Prayer Book, living in its doctrines, obedient to its rubrics, without mental reservation as to meaning or desire of change, I maintain the Church's doctrines and obey her rules, asserting my liberty, which every one of you exercises, to think and act outside that book as seems best to me where no rule of action is laid down in it."

This is the explicit enunciation of a principle contended for in religious journals and magazines of more schools than one. It implies not only that in the absence of definition and law, the individual man may hold a private opinion, but that he may import that opinion into his official teaching and practice.

If this claim be conceded, if in any matter where the Church is silent we may set our official seal to any theological opinion or religious ceremony, the consequences are far-reaching. The point I make is just thus: as it is a high crime to misrepresent the Church who commissions us, so it is dishonorable to exceed the limits of our commission.

The Church is silent as to the disposition to be made of the water that has been used in the administration of Holy Baptism, for instance. Is the clergyman at liberty to reserve the water that has been blessed, and teach his people to use it in the way of a medical application or a devout aspersion? Such illustrations might be indefinitely multiplied. I do not know that such a usage would violate any law; it is "outside that book." Indeed, that book would be as large as an encyclopedia, if besides telling us what we must do or may do, it undertook to mention all the things we may not do.

Now I confess I know not how to contest this right of a private judgment to believe and to do anything that the Prayer Book does not interdict, without resisting all who claim it. I know not how to frame laws which shall repress that self-assertion

which calls itself Catholic, and allow full scope to a not less extravagant individuality which calls itself Evangelical. I know not how to close the door against mediævalism, and leave it wide open for all the vagaries of the nineteenth century. I cannot as a legislator forbid one man to advise a certain type of religious discipline, while another has his full Christian liberty to invite into his pulpit one of whose doctrine the Church has no knowledge, and who is free to teach any novelty he chooses, and to advise any sort of religious discipline, or to set up any type of religious experience which he may see fit.

Do not misunderstand me. I am prepared, after advice and consultation with my brethren in our supreme Legislature, to adopt such measures as shall seem best calculated to secure a careful observance of the Church's teachings, barring out strange doctrines and private opinions from the place of authoritative teaching. But I beseech you to realize that the difficulty of a right adjustment is not small. Be not restless or impatient. Cultivate a sound judgment, preserve an even temper, and pray God to overrule and guide our counsels.

The other class of questions to which I have adverted, the questions of Ritual observance, seem to me far easier to deal with; and that for the reason that there seems to be a very general disposition to extend as large an indulgence in matters of mere expediency and taste, as is consistent with the maintenance of sound doctrine. We have come to recognize the truth that our objections to novelties need not oblige us as to one unvarying type in matters which are really indifferent.

It is entirely in the power of the General Convention to legislate *pro re natâ*, to forbid any usages or ceremonies already introduced which are deemed objectionable, and to protect parishioners against startling innovations at the caprice of the minister.

For the rest, the simplest remedy of all would seem to be to declare that the godly judgment of the Bishop, which all are bound to respect, extends to those usages and ceremonies which are not defined by law, or sanctioned by long use, the things which are mere matters of expediency, which may be done or let alone.

It is simply impossible to frame a directory which shall pre-

scribe every ornament, act and gesture in public service ; much more it is impossible to guard by anticipation against changes that may be introduced by ingenious and poetic minds, not always guided by sobriety of judgment.

What harm could arise, if in mere matters of taste wherein the law cannot decide, or in the graver instance of a congregation disturbed by serious changes in Ritual, the Bishop should be the arbiter? Some one's private judgment must prevail : surely that judgment recognized in the vows of ordination is the one to be respected. If it be alleged that the "use" would differ in various dioceses, I answer that is not so great an evil as hostile uses in the parishes of the same diocese ; and moreover, any ornament, custom or ceremony which should seem of enough importance to be generally accepted by the Bishops of the Church, would soon cease to be interdicted anywhere.

Such a law seems to be needed ; for unfortunately the position has been taken that the Ordination vow in question obliges in those cases only in which the Bishop can enforce his judgment by canonical censure. It ought to be enacted for the avoidance of disputes. Personally I do not desire it ; for the day has not come, and I trust it may never come, when the Bishop of this diocese will be indifferent to the reasonable liberty of the Clergy, or the Clergy reluctant to yield their wishes in things of little moment, to the deliberate advice of the Diocesan.

DIOCESAN AFFAIRS.

Passing on to matters of Diocesan concern, I now follow the order of my journal and make mention of the more important engagements which have occupied me during the year.

Returning home from the Convention at Chestertown, I spent most of the next week in a theological examination, ending with an Ordination. The three Examiners of the Diocese were in attendance, and five candidates were examined. We were fortunate in securing the use of suitable rooms for our purpose, and the work was done thoroughly and efficiently. Prayers were said in the Parish Church, and I delivered two Ordination addresses, one on Christian Manliness, and the other on the Ministry of Consolation.

During the summer I was generally occupied with the routine

EVENING SESSION.

Evening Prayer being said, by the Rev. Messrs. Wilson and Fitzhugh, the Convention was called to order by the Bishop.

Mr. Massey, from the Committee on Elections, reported the following Lay Delegates as entitled to seats, viz :

Messrs. J. L. Adkins, G. W. Bishop, Jos. Coudon, G. W. Cruikshank, H. H. Dashiell, James T. Earle, Joseph E. George, G. R. Goldsborough, Sewell Hepbron, D. M. Henry, J. A. Higgins, E. S. Jones, Thomas Leckie, Edward C. Legg, J. P. Manlove, C. H. B. Massey, S. S. McMaster, John S. Purnell, H. L. Physick, E. Riall, G. M. Russum, Jos. B. Seth, R. L. Spilman, C. Sulivane, William S. Walker, William Waller, Thomas Williams.

The Rev. Mr. Barton, from the Committee on Rights of Clergymen to Seats, reported the following list of Clergymen entitled to seats, viz :

The Rt. Rev. Henry C. Lay, D.D., the Rev. Messrs. Theo. P. Barber, John O. Barton, Geo. F. Beaven, Jas. L. Bryan, John Crosdale, Erastus F. Dashiell, David M. Ellwood, Wm. B. Everett, Geo. S. Fitzhugh, Wm. Fulton, D.D., Sam'l D. Hall, Jas. W. Hoskins, John Martin, Jas. A. Mitchell, Stephen C. Roberts, Henry A. Skinner, Edward J. Stearns, Jos. W. Turner, Jos. N. Wattson, Lewis Walke, Chas. H. Williamson, Robert Wilson.

The President announced the following Committees :—

On Accounts.—Messrs. Massey, Jones, Spilman.

Parochial Contributions.—Messrs. Seth, Russum, Cruikshank.

Admission of New Parishes.—The Rev. Messrs. Martin and Williamson, and Mr. Hepbron.

On the Episcopal Fund.—The Rev. Messrs. Crosdale and Mitchell, and Messrs. Sulivane and Coudon.

On Canons.—The Rev. Mr. Barber, the Rev. Dr. Fulton, Mr. Henry.

On the State of the Church.—The Rev. Messrs. Wilson, Barton and Wattson, and Messrs. McMaster and Goldsborough.

of it? The Parish, forty miles long, with three churches to serve already, is unmanageable by an unassisted Rector. For a time I assigned Mr. Trapier to duty at All Saints'. But there seems to be a difficulty about providing a support for a clergyman, and a precious opportunity is fast passing away. I trust that a salary may soon be provided, and a new Parish organized.

On Saturday, the 29th of November, I instituted the Rev. James A. Mitchell into the Rectorship of St. Paul's Parish, Queen Anne's County, myself preaching the sermon.

In December, I attended the consecration of the Rt. Rev. Dr. Lyman, in Raleigh, and also preached the sermon at a subsequent ordination in Hillsboro', by the Bishop of North Carolina. Immediately after I held, with the assistance of the Examiners, an examination in Cambridge, and conferred Holy Orders on Friday, December 19th, in the Parish Church at Cambridge.

My visitations occupied me very generally through the winter, and every unoccupied Sunday for a long time, was given to the vacant Parish of Whitemarsh. During Lent, besides services in Whitemarsh, I preached two special sermons in Easton, and gave a course of lectures on Friday afternoon of each week at All Saints'. I also conducted religious services, and taught a class of boys and girls in the Bishop's schools, using Theophilus Americanus as a text-book. I much regret that an unusual press of duties did not permit me to finish the book with them. Towards the end of Lent, I performed some Episcopal offices in Baltimore, Bishop Whittingham being unable to meet his engagements, and, at his request, confirmed a number of persons.

Among the more interesting services, I may mention one in the little chapel at Easton Point, where a very faithful and unpretending work is being done, and another, by invitation, to a Colored Methodist congregation in Elkton. I had also the satisfaction of officiating in a new Church at Greensboro', Caroline County, an excellent building. We will all unite to congratulate our patient Missionary, Mr. Beaven, on this valuable result.

Since Easter, what with numerous engagements in Visitation and Convocation, together with sore sickness and death among my kindred, I have been seldom at rest. And that which fills up all the intervals of thought and occupies the pen, when released from other claims, is perhaps the heaviest burden of all ; the scheming

and the correspondence, all to too little purpose, designed to secure shepherds for the various flocks who look to me to help them.

On Wednesday, the 30th of April, I consecrated Christ Church, Denton, a simple structure, wherein every dollar has been turned to the best account, and which is a monument to the assiduity and hopeful enterprise of Mr. Stearns, the Missionary. Six clergymen were present, and I preached the sermon.

On Friday, the 8th of May, I consecrated the new Church of St. Stephen's, North Sassafras Parish, preaching the sermon. Six clergymen were present, and among them the Rev. W. C. Butler, of Delaware, whom we were glad to see among us once more.

This Parish of North Sassafras is now possessed with an excellent spirit. With the enlargement of Church accommodations, the congregation increases, and the field of effort is developing. The new Rector has every assurance of sympathy and hearty co-operation, and, I trust, much people will be added to the Lord.

I have been happy to note very substantial and tasteful improvements in the Church at Newtown, where the congregation shows how much may be accomplished by persistent and methodical effort in the absence of large resources. The Vestry at Easton also are girding up their loins for a very considerable improvement, of which we shall hope to hear a good report hereafter.

I do not enumerate in this sketch, the very numerous services held all over the Diocese. These labors are greatly lightened by the thoughtfulness which induces so many to facilitate the travel, by the hospitable greeting which ever awaits me at my destination, and by the exceeding kindness with which my ministrations have thus far been received. I fear sometimes that in my anxiety not to burden people with too much thanks, I may seem to accept their kindness as a thing of course. But it is not so. I recognise a great deal of consideration beyond what is demanded by the mere official relation, and wish that it were in my power to make some return.

I do not specify in my report several marriages, funerals, and baptisms, which are included in the reports from the parishes wherein they were performed. I have preached 130 times, besides

numerous less formal addresses, and celebrated the Holy Communion on 50 occasions.

CLERGY LIST.

Since the last Convention, three clergymen have been added to us by ordination.

On the 12th of June, in Christ Church, Easton, Pierre Du Gué Trapier and Joseph Wilmer Turner were ordered Deacons; and on the 19th of December, in Christ Church, Cambridge, David Marion Ellwood, M. D., was admitted to the same sacred function.

On the former occasion, the Rev. William Bowers Everett, M. D., was ordained to the Priesthood, and on the latter, the Rev. George Stewart Fitzhugh was also made a Priest.

Our only candidate for Holy Orders, Wordsworth T. Beaven, is pursuing his theological studies at the General Seminary.

I have admitted Oliver Hugh Murphy, of St. Michael's Parish, a postulant for Holy Orders.

The changes within the Diocese are as follows:

The Rev. T. L. Green has retired from the charge of St. Luke's, Queen Anne's, and that Parish is now vacant.

The Rev. J. N. Wattson has transferred his labors to North Kent Parish, leaving Christ Church, Kent Island, vacant.

The Rev. James A. Mitchell has been instituted Rector of St. Paul's Parish, Queen Anne's, leaving Whitmarsh Parish vacant.

The Rev. L. S. Russell has surrendered the charge of, North Elk Parish, or St. Mary Anne's, and removed to New Jersey. That Parish is still unsupplied.

The Rev. Lewis Walker has become Rector of North Sassafras Parish.

The Rev. D. M. Ellwood, M. D., has been assigned to duty in Dorchester Parish, vacated by the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Nott.

The following Clergy have been transferred by Letters Dimissory:

The Rev. G. W. E. Fisse, to the Diocese of Tennessee; the Rev. J. W. Nott, to the Diocese of Maryland; the Rev. C. J. Hendley, to the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania; the Rev. P. Du Gué Trapier, to the same Diocese, and the Rev. L. S. Russell, to the Diocese of New Jersey.

Lest the departure of the Rev. Mr. Trapier from the Diocese, so soon after his Ordination should be misinterpreted, let me say that it was from no desire of his to go elsewhere. A just consideration for his mother and sisters, the family of our late brother, the Rector of Shrewsbury, seemed to require of me and of the Rev. Mr. Dashiell, whose Assistant he had become, that we should encourage him to remove to Baltimore.

One Clergyman has been received into the Diocese by Letters Dimissory, viz: the Rev. Lewis Walke, from the Diocese of Virginia.

SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL ACTS.

Confirmations	-	-	-	-	-	-	195
Churches Consecrated	-	.	-	-	-	-	3
Deacons Ordained	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Presbyters Ordained	-	-	-	-	.	-	2
Clergy Received into the Diocese	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Clergy Transferred to other Dioceses	-	-	-	-	-	-	5

OFFICIAL NOTICES AND CONSENTS.

My official consent has been given to the consecration of the Rt. Rev. Benjamin Henry Paddock, D. D., Bishop of Massachusetts; the Rt. Rev. Theodore Benedict Lyman, D. D., Assistant Bishop of North Carolina, and the Rt. Rev. John F. Spaulding, D. D., Missionary Bishop of Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico.

On the occasion of the Consecration of the Rt. Rev. Dr. Lyman, in Christ Church, Raleigh, N. C., I preached the sermon, and united with the Bishop of Maryland and North Carolina in the act of Consecration.

Notices of Deposition from the Sacred Ministry have been received, as follows:

Henry McLory, by the Bishop of Albany; James H. Bowles, Presbyter, by the Bishop of California; Clement F. Jones, Deacon, by the Miss. Bishop of Cape Palmas; Robert H. Williamson, Presbyter, by the Bishop of Pennsylvania; W. M. Guilford, Presbyter, by the Bishop of Georgia; Wm. H. Reid, Presbyter, by the Bishop of Long Island; Edward Hubbell, Presbyter, by the Bishop of Maine; Wm. McGuire, Presbyter, by the Bishop

of Maryland ; Charles R. Brainard, Presbyter, and W. H. Fultz, Presbyter, by the Bishop of Massachusetts ; John Steindle, Presbyter, by the Bishop of Missouri ; John Lyon, Presbyter, by the Bishop of Nebraska ; Robert A. McElhinney, Presbyter, by the Bishop of Ohio ; Benj. F. Brooke, Presbyter, by the Bishop of Pittsburg ; Wm. J. Ellis, Presbyter, by the Bishop of Tennessee.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Kentucky having given official notice, under the date of November 22d, 1873, to the Presiding Bishop, that George David Cummins, the Assistant Bishop of that Diocese, had abandoned the Communion of the Church, and six months having elapsed without any counter declaration by the said Bishop, I gave, on the 26th of May, 1874, my official consent to the Deposition from the Sacred Ministry of the said George David Cummins.

DIOCESAN OFFICERS.

I have confirmed the nominations made to me by the several Convocations, as follows :

The Rev. John Crosdale, Dean of the Southern Convocation, the Rev. T. P. Barber, Dean of the Middle Convocation, and the Rev. Lewis Walke, Dean of the Northern Convocation.

The Examining Chaplains have discharged their duty with an assiduity and a thoroughness which entitle them to my warmest thanks. They agree with me that in the conduct of such examinations, besides complying with the provisions of law, we must see to it well that those whom we approve are well furnished in sound learning and are apt to teach.

I now appoint as Examiners of the Diocese, the Rev. T. P. Barber, the Rev. E. J. Stearns, and the Rev. E. F. Dashiell.

HOME FOR FRIENDLESS CHILDREN.

I commend to your attention the report from the Orphans' Home. Seventeen little children are gathered there and kindly cared for. The management of the home is worthy of all commendation.

CONFIRMATIONS.

Confirmations have been held in twenty-seven Parishes, as follows, viz :

Caroline County, St. John's,	6
“ “ St. Mary's White Chapel,	6

Cecil County, North Elk,	11
" " North Sassafras,	8
" " Trinity,	8
" " St. James', Port Deposit,	10
Dorchester County, Dorchester,	5
" " East New Market,	4
" " Great Choptank,	18
" " Vienna,	3
Kent County, Chester,	11
" " I. U.	1
" " North Kent,	3
" " St. Paul's,	9
" " Shrewsbury,	6
Queen Anne's County, Christ Church,	6
" " St. Luke's	1
" " Wye,	7
Somerset County, Coventry,	2
" " Somerset,	6
" " Pocomoke	15
Talbot County, St. Michael's,	16
" " St. Peter's,	7
" " Whitmarsh	1
Wicomico County, Spring Hill,	20
" " Stepney,	3
Worcester County, Worcester,	2

One hundred and ninety-five (195) in all, the number confirmed during the year previous being one hundred and thirteen.

If any one, extending the comparison, should enquire how it is and why it is, that Confirmation Classes should have been ready in twenty-seven Parishes during this year just passed, whereas, during the year preceding, sixteen Parishes only presented candidates for the laying on of hands. I confess that I know not how to resolve the problem.

It may be noted, that there was a steady decrease in the number of Confirmations for several years. In 1869, I reported 214; in 1870, 192; in 1871, 179; in 1872, 147; in 1873, 113. I trust, that we reached then our lowest point, and that resuming as we do the earlier average of 200, another cycle of

labours and privileges shall witness a steady increase in the number of those who are admitted to the table of the Lord.

Another comparison may be of interest. The number of Communicants on the Eastern Shore, as reported to the Maryland Convention of 1868, was 1210. But seven Parishes made no report. We may take the report next subsequent, made by them severally to the Convention of Easton, as giving their strength, and thus we add 260, altogether, 1470. I am sure that 1500 very accurately expresses the number of our Communicants at the inception of the Diocese.

Now I have confirmed 1040. This is a full regiment in itself. Relatively it is a large addition. A thousand men, women and children, thoroughly instructed, truly purposed to live godly lives. What an added power and influence! Surely we cannot be too painstaking and faithful, in bringing our people to the laying on of hands.

Our Communicants now number 2154.

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE EPISCOPATE.

For many years past, I have been continually debating with myself whether I was making full proof of the special ministry entrusted to me, so far as concerns the principles on which here, as in other Dioceses, it is conducted. I can but ask myself, does a Bishop, however industrious in supervising and in preaching, fill out thus the measure of his office, and develop its utmost efficiency.

For it seems that the Episcopate is eminently a creative function; its true worth is seen not merely in strengthening the things that are, but in laying foundations for other things as well. One may succeed tolerably well in keeping a Diocese in good order, gathering an annual harvest of Confirmations, and yet, when he comes to the end of his work, he may look back regretfully, if he has planted no seed of larger and better things.

A Bishop should have his home work, as well as his work at large. He should have it in his power, little by little, to build up a strong place in the centre of the Diocese, whence a good influence may radiate abroad.

If the Diocese is to be a reality in the esteem of people, not a mere abstraction, or congeries of Parishes, it should have its

Mother Church, the Home of the Diocese, the repository of its accumulations, the centre of its charitable and educational institutions.

Under our Parochial system, the independence of the Bishop, if he be a mere resident within the spiritual cure of a Priest, is not secured. Although the most courteous relations may obtain (and I have had none other but most courteous relations in the several Parishes wherein I have resided), yet is the embarrassment a real one. A Bishop ought not to be dependent upon courtesy in discharging the various functions of the ministry, and especially in the Ordination of Clergy.

The Bishop does not wish to thrust aside the Parish Priest out of his proper place, to encumber him with help, or to disturb his arrangements and general policy. He does not wish to encourage people to come to him for ministrations or consolations which it is seemly that they seek of their own Rector. A right-minded and right-hearted Bishop can have but one desire in such a matter; and that is to strengthen the hands of the Rector in his Parish work, and to sustain him in all his endeavours.

And yet the Bishop can scarcely be content to abstain entirely from Pastoral work. Among his friends and his neighbors, he sees that something needs to be done, which another may not do. Every man has his own range of influence. He can bring a little child to baptism, for instance (and that is ever a good day's work) but he may not be able to persuade parents to seek another Clergyman, neither does he like the precedent of baptizing a Child within a Parochial Cure, for fear that people may come to slight their own Pastors.

These considerations are general considerations. The kind and courteous Rector of St. Peter's extends to me the assurance, that whenever I may wish to occupy his pulpit, it is freely at my disposal, and I have never proposed to do anything in his Parish without his assent. Were it otherwise, I could not venture on this frank speech. But the point I make in behalf of myself and of those who may come after me in the Episcopate, is one that rises above all personal considerations and temporary associations. It is, that where it is possible, the independence of the Bishop and his usefulness at home, are best secured by assuring to him a definite spiritual care.

And this, I think, should not be a Parish Church under the control of a Vestry. The Diocese would be reluctant to see the Bishop so fettered by a Parochial relation, as to hinder him in his visitations. His Church should be the property of the Diocese, worked chiefly in the interests of the Diocese, and dependent in its routine duties upon the Clergymen, or the staff of the Clergy, whom the Bishop may in time summon to his aid.

At such a Church the Bishop should have his seat. Here he could gather his Clergy around him for consultation and devotion. Here a Diocesan library may be accumulated and valuable documents preserved. Here Theological examinations may be conducted with all necessary appliance, and ordinations be held most profitably and reverently. Here schools may be made an integral part of the plan, and here postulants at least may receive the instruction they need to assist them in preparing for Holy Orders.

Brethren of the Laity, I fear you have many difficulties which I do not appreciate and in which I fail to give you full sympathy. At least I endeavor to realize what your peculiar embarrassments are. There is a department in which, unless your attention is called thereto, you cannot be expected to understand the peculiar anxieties which beset the Episcopate. Give me your attention, while I try to unfold it.

Down at the bottom of things, there is a basis on which the prosperity of the Diocese rests—an adequate supply of Clergy, and an elevated standard of Clerical character and intelligence. You look to me, and you have a right to look to me, in both of these particulars. Some of you almost suspect me of delinquency. From time to time, you say to me almost complainingly, all will go well if you will find our Parish a man, and a good man.

Whence must this supply be drawn? The answer is "Borrow them." But is this right, to draw our workmen from other Dioceses that trained them, and that needs them, while we ourselves contribute no recruits? The cuckoo steals the nests of other birds to raise its own brood therein, but we could take into our own nest the young Deacons laboriously nurtured elsewhere, so soon as they are ready for their first flight.

My imagination leads me astray, we do not get the Deacons, the *expediti* who are so much in demand. Their Bishops will not

let them come. We rely for filling our own Parishes upon Presbyters who may be induced to vacate a field elsewhere. Oftenest they are strangers of whom we can learn only by report ; some of them like not our country fashion or our climate ; in the nature of things they have no Diocesan enthusiasm. They will come in, and then pass out again, in very many instances.

Is it not plain, that to sustain the Diocese, we must raise up our own Clergy, recruiting them not from the meanest but from the best, seeking the sons of those families most noted for worth, intelligence and culture? Applications and foreign helps to the extremities are good expedients in one's need, but how much better to keep the great organs at the centre in vigorous action, ever throwing warm, fresh blood to every member. There are several young men who now desire to be Clergymen, if only they can be educated. I have confirmed some lovely boys and youths, and keep them ever in mind, who would be worth to us far more than the sons of strangers, if holy hands be laid upon them. See you not how cheerless the work of the Diocese must prove in the course of years, if it contain not within itself the elements of its own perpetuity?

This view of Episcopal work is as old as Christianity itself. The Bishop was wont to set up his staff with his Presbyters around him, who went forth and returned again ; who united study and teaching with missionary labor. In this country, the best efforts are made in this direction : Albany, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Minnesota, Nebraska, Tennessee and Wisconsin, have their cathedrals. In the Diocese last mentioned, the gentle Armitage counted it the great object of his life-work ; and in other Dioceses, the principle is adopted. In Connecticut, the Bishop presides over his young candidates, and conducts the service in their chapel. Bishop Young in Florida, and Bishop Odenheimer in New Jersey, have their homes hard by schools and chapels. In Colorado, Utah and Nebraska, the Bishop is the local chief among a band of workers. The personal interest of the Bishop of Ohio in Gambier, the presence of the Bishop of Virginia on the Seminary Hill, where so many boys have been taught in the High School, and then passed easily into the Theological Seminary, are illustrations of the value of institutions so situated as to have the fostering care of the Diocesan.

Even thus would I have in this Diocese a hearth towards which our affections might converge, a source of influence, a treasury of all the forces necessary to do our work rightfully and effectively.

And thus I set myself to consider what could be done in the community from which the Diocese takes its name. We have here the Home for Friendless Children, which rightly falls within the sphere of Episcopal care. We have also the Bishop's Schools, under the charge of a Clergyman, which, although without definite organization, without grounds, building, or capital of their own, have had good success, and number fifty intelligent boys and girls.

It seemed right, first of all, to approach the Vestry of St. Peter's Parish. My suggestion was substantially the establishment of an independent congregation, under the control of Trustees, appointed by the Bishop and Convention, to be the spiritual Cure of the Bishop. To attempt, in the first instance, the erection of an inexpensive frame chapel, with free seats, discouraging any large adhesion from the Parish Church, and seeking to gather in new material, I thought that the staff of the School might be in some sort the staff of the Bishop's Chapel. It is not improbable that the Schools may soon be able to sustain two teachers, in Holy Orders, who could officiate also as assistants to the Bishop.

The Vestry in reply recognize the general desirableness of some such plan as that proposed, and very kindly assure me of their entire acquiescence therein. They also acquiesce in any arrangements I may make to bring the schools under Diocesan supervision. At the same time they cannot refrain from expressing their regret that the suggestion of a chapel should come just at a time when the absorption of all the energies and means of the congregation in parochial enterprises of the most pressing importance, forbids their offering any promise of that hearty and material co-operation which they would desire to give to a project so nearly affecting the interest of the Diocese and the extension of the Church.

I had proposed to myself, after this official correspondence was had, to seek less formal communication with the Rector, the members of the Vestry, and of the Congregation as well, in order

to ensure a thorough understanding. Providential circumstances have hindered me from doing so, and I do not see my way clear to urge my plans with any vehemence just now.

The Vestry of St. Peter's I know are indisposed to put any difficulty in the way of what I desire to do; their unwillingness to make any objection I entirely appreciate. It is right that they should have at heart the best interests of the Parish for whose well-being they are responsible, and I can well understand why they do not, at the first suggestion of the matter, actively favour a project which they think it is not altogether well-timed.

Now our Church work in Easton, whatever course it may take, must be One. There must be no division of forces, no antagonism, no alienation of sympathies. God forbid that I should ever cease to extend to Christ Church, Easton, my utmost affection and interest. If I cannot have a sister congregation, I will never set up a rival. Could I carry out any scheme of mine by mere energy of will, I would not do it. No. I must be allowed to hold the freest and most unreserved communications about the subject, and be assured that I have the blessing of the people in a work whose beginning must be difficult, however modest and small they may be.

I have thus opened my mind to you on this subject because it is one which concerns us all. Indeed, I could not determine anything without consulting you. Anything that is done in the way of planting the germ of a Cathedral, binds those who come after; and you have a voice and a responsibility in the fixing definitely and finally the See of the Diocese.

While Easton is a most convenient Diocesan centre, I do not consider that the name of the Diocese fixes the See irrevocably. I think the Diocese should be ready to consider any and every proposition which may set its prosperity on a secure foundation. For myself I am not impatient: I hope I am not unreasonable. But I do believe that some such arrangement is right, is desirable, is sooner or later, necessary. I can wait and be contented, if there be a hope of better things. And so I conclude this part of my address by asking that my brethren individually and as a Convention, will assist me with their counsels to draw out of the Episcopal office all of the virtue it contains to provide for the present need, and to secure largest results in the years yet to come.

I will detain you no longer from the consultations which are to occupy you.

I hope that you will not fail to give to all our Diocesan affairs that intelligent scrutiny which will enable you to legislate prudently, and that on returning to your homes you will carry such report as may stimulate the interest of all in the welfare of the Church.

Prayer and exhortation will claim some portion of our time. A missionary meeting has been arranged for Thursday evening, at which information of interest will be laid before you. On Friday evening we hope to hold a Mission Service, and to hear again "the Old, Old Story," whereof the Christian ear can never weary.

Mr. Adkins, then read the Report of the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, together with the Report of the Treasurer, which, on motion of Mr. Physick, were referred to the Committee on the Episcopal Fund. (Appendix.)

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Skinner, it was

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to the pressing Theological and Ecclesiastical questions of the day, be referred to a special Committee.

The President announced the following as the Committee:

The Rev. Mr. Stearns, the Rev. Mr. Skinner, the Rev. Mr. Barber, Messrs. Adkins and Henry.

The Rev. Mr. Wilson, from the Council of Advice of the Home of the Friendless, read the reports of the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Managers, together with the recommendation of certain changes in the Constitution of the Home of the Friendless, as submitted by the Board of Managers. (Appendix.)

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Crosdale, it was

Resolved, That the assent of the Convention be given to the proposed changes in the Constitution, asked for by the Board of Managers of the Home of the Friendless.

Thereupon, the Bishop also declared his assent to the changes proposed.

On motion, the Convention then adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING, *June 4th*, 1874.

After morning prayer, said by the Rev. Messrs. Beaven and Williamson, the Convention was called to order by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop. The roll called, and the Rev. Messrs. Hall, Beaven, and Everett, and Messrs. Henry, Manlove and Williams, in addition to members present yesterday.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The Report of Mr. Thos. Hughlett, the Treasurer of the Convention, was presented by Mr. Seth, and, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Accounts. (Appendix.)

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Barber, it was

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to the Cathedral system, be referred to a special Committee of four Clergymen and three Laymen.

The President announced the following Committee:—The Rev. Messrs. Barber, Crosdale, Wilson and Barton, and Messrs. Adkins, Henry and Dashiell.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Mitchell, it was

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention of this Diocese, be held in St. Paul's Church, Centreville.

The Rev. Mr. Barber, the Registrar of the Diocese, then read his Annual Report, as follows:

The Registrar of the Diocese respectfully reports that he has attended industriously, since the last Convention, to the collection and preservation of documents bearing upon the early history of the Parishes now included in this Diocese.

The series of bound volumes of the Convention of the Maryland Diocese is now complete from (and including) the year 1810.

The Registrar has, thus far, failed to procure the Journals for 1800, 1802, 1807. And of the years prior to 1800, there are in his possession only the Journals of 1789, 1792, 1795, 1799.

A volume has been purchased, containing in excellent preservation, the Journals of the General Convention from 1784 to 1814.

Several valuable books and pamphlets have been presented to the Diocese within a few months.

Acknowledgments are due to the Rev. Ethan Allen, D.D., and the Rev. A. J. Rich, M. D., of the mother Diocese, for valuable aid kindly rendered in the last twelve months, and for assurances of further help in the future.

With the binding of two more volumes, now ready for the printer, the appropriation made two years ago, will be exhausted.

For the purchase of Rev. Dr. Allen's Manuscript History of the Parishes, the Convention pledged \$500. Of this amount, there has been received from Parishes and individual subscriptions to this date \$350.50. During Convention there were \$48.32 collected, leaving \$101.18 to be secured; and several Parishes have pledged considerable sums to be paid in a few months. This amount has been forwarded to Rev. Dr. Allen, the voucher for which with subscription list, accompanying this report.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE P. BARBER, *Registrar of the Diocese.*

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Hoskins, it was

Resolved, That the sum of ten dollars be appropriated for the use of the Registrar.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Barber, the Convention then went into Committee of the whole, for the purpose of considering some plan to raise the balance due the Rev. Dr. Allen, for the Histories of Parishes in this Diocese.

The Convention went into Committee of the whole, the Rev. Dr. Fulton in the Chair.

The Committee rose and, through the Chairman, reported progress.

The Rev. Mr. Stearns, from Special Committee on the Bishop's Address, presented the following Report:

The Committee to whom was referred "so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to the pressing Theological and Ecclesiastical questions of the day," have considered the subject referred to them, and beg leave to submit the following Resolutions:

Resolved, That this Convention, is in hearty accord with that part of the Bishop's Address relating to Eucharistic Adoration, Confession and Ritual Observance, and trust that its spirit will animate the deliberation and action of the General Convention on those subjects at its coming session.

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to have three hundred extra copies of that part of the Address, struck off at the earliest moment, in advance of the issuing of the Journal.

E. J. STEARNS,
H. A. SKINNER,
THEODORE P. BARBER,
J. L. ADKINS,
DANIEL M. HENRY.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Barton, the Resolutions accompanying the Report were adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Stearns, it was

Resolved, That Article VI of the Constitution be amended, by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following :

"The election of a Bishop of this Church shall be made in Convention by a concurrent vote of the Clergy and of the Laity, the two orders voting by ballot, separately. in open Convention, the Clergy first and then the Laity ; and when all the votes of both orders shall have been deposited, the tellers of the Clerical vote and of the Lay vote respectively shall proceed to count the votes, and if, among those voted for, one shall be found to have received a majority of the votes of the Clergy, and a majority of the votes of the Laity, he shall be declared duly elected."

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Skinner, the following message was adopted by the Convention, and ordered to be sent to the Convention of the Diocese of Delaware, now in session, in the town of Seaford :

"The Convention of the Diocese of Easton, sitting in Salisbury, to their Brethren of the Diocese of Delaware, assembled in Convention in Seaford, send Greeting in the Lord.

"SALISBURY, June 4, 1874, 12 M."

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Stearns, it was

Resolved, That the following memorial be sent to the next General Convention :

MEMORIAL.

To the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church :

The Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Easton, in Convention assembled, respectfully petition your body to take such measures, as in your wisdom may seem proper, towards securing for us *for use in Divine worship*, an English version of THE CREED, commonly called *The Nicene*, as conformable as may be to the original text. And your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

Mr. Massey, from the Committee on Elections, presented the name of Mr. Wm. Janvier, Lay Delegate from Shrewsbury Parish.

12 M. The hour having arrived for the election of the Standing Committee, and other officers of the Convention, the Convention, on motion, proceeded to the election of a Standing Committee.

The President appointed the Rev. Mr. Ellwood and Mr. Riall, Tellers.

The Rev. Mr. Barber nominated Mr. Thomas Hughlett as Treasurer of the Convention, and Mr. Walker nominated the Rev. Mr. Barber as Registrar of the Diocese, and Messrs. J. L.

Adkins, M. D., and Jos. E. M. Chamberlaine, M. D., members of the Board of Diocesan Missions.

There being no other nominations, the ballot was dispensed with, and the nominations confirmed.

On the nomination of the Rev. Mr. Wilson, the Convention proceeded to elect a Board of Managers and a Council of Advice for the Home of the Friendless Children of the Eastern Shore. (See list in Appendix).

The Tellers of the vote for members of the Standing Committee, reported the following as having a majority of the votes cast:—The Rev. Messrs. Crosdale, Barber, Barton, Dashiell, Wilson, and they were thereupon declared to be duly elected.

The Convention proceeded to the election of Deputies to the General Convention.

The President appointed the Rev. Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Sullivan, Tellers.

On motion, leave of absence, after to-day, was granted to the Rev. Mr. Elwood and Mr. Spilman.

On the nomination of Mr. Walker, the Rev. Messrs. Dashiell and Wilson, and Messrs. E. L. F. Hardcastle, and John C. Earle, M. D., were elected Trustees of the Clergy Relief Fund.

On the nomination of the same, Messrs. J. L. Adkins, M. D., Richard B. Carmichael, H. H. Dashiell, Geo. R. Goldsborough, E. L. F. Hardcastle, Charles Lowndes, and Wm. S. Walker were re-elected Trustees of the Episcopal Fund.

On the nomination of Mr. Walker, the Rev. Messrs. Dashiell, Wattson, Stearns and Mitchell were re-elected Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Crosdale, the Report of the Committee on Parish Bounds, was made the order of the day at 5 P. M.

The Tellers on the vote for Deputies to the General Convention, reported the following as having a majority of the votes cast, with one Clerical member to elect, the Rev. Messrs. Barber, Stearns and Crosdale, and Messrs. Walker, Adkins, Mackall and Goldsborough, whereupon they were declared to be duly elected.

On motion, the Convention then adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After Evening Prayer, said by the Rev. Messrs. Hall and Skinner, the Convention was called to order by the Bishop. Mr. Higgins present, in addition to the members at morning session.

The following message from the Convention of the Diocese of Delaware, was then read :

SEAFORD, DELAWARE, June 4th, 1874.

"The Convention of the Diocese of Delaware, send their cordial thanks to the Convention of the Diocese of Easton, sitting in Salisbury, for their fraternal greeting. Blessings of the Lord be upon you.

To Bishop LAY.

ALFRED LEE.

The Convention then proceeded to cast their votes for the remaining Clerical Deputy to the General Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Crosdale, from the Committee on Parish Bounds, submitted the report ; and, on his motion, it was

Resolved, That this Convention approve the act to define the boundaries of the several Parishes, that said act be printed and due publication made of it in each Parish, and that it be laid over for final action in 1875.

(Appendix).

The Tellers on the vote for a Clerical Deputy to the General Convention, reported that the Rev. Dr. Fulton had a majority of the votes cast, whereupon he was declared to be duly elected.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop, then introduced to the Convention the Rev. Richard B. Duane, D.D., Secretary and General Agent of the Committee for Foreign Missions.

On motion, the Convention then adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

8 P. M.

This being the hour appointed for a Missionary meeting, addresses were made by the Rev. Messrs. Skinner and Wilson, the Rev. Dr. Duane, Secretary and General Agent of the Committee for Foreign Missions.

Missionary reports were made by the Rev. Messrs. Ellwood, Martin, Beaven, Crosdale, and Hoskins.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, *June 5th*, 1874.

After morning prayer, said by the Rev. Messrs. Everett and Skinner; in the absence of the Bishop, the Secretary called the Convention to order, and on his motion, the Rev. Mr. Walke was called to the chair.

The roll was called, and the Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved. The Rt. Rev. the Bishop, then took the chair.

The Rev. Mr. Crosdale, from the Committee on the Episcopal Fund, presented the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, together with the Report of its Treasurer, respectfully report, that from the consideration of the same it is painfully evident that, unless some decisive measures are promptly taken to collect the arrears of principal and interest now due, serious embarrassment must ensue in meeting the obligations of the Diocese to its Bishop.

It is matter of regret that circumstances beyond his control prevented the Agent appointed at the last Convention from discharging the duty assigned him, as it is believed by your Committee that the employment of an Agent for the special purpose, will be the most efficient means of collecting the arrearages now due.

They would recommend, therefore, his reappointment by this Convention, to visit the several families in arrears, and to collect, if possible, the amounts now unpaid; and that he be requested to combine with the labor thus assigned him, the duty of obtaining from each delinquent Parish new subscriptions to the Episcopal Fund, at least to the amount of such original subscriptions as it shall be ascertained cannot by any means be collected.

They, therefore, offer the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Wilson be appointed to visit the several delinquent Parishes, and collect, if possible, the arrearages of principal and interest now due on the subscription to the Episcopal Fund; and that he be requested to solicit new subscriptions to the Fund, at least equal to the amount of said original subscriptions as cannot be collected by moral or legal means.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN CROSDALE,
JAMES A. MITCHELL,
JOSEPH COUDON,
CLEMENT SULIVANE.

On motion of Mr. Adkins, the Rev. John Crosdale was added as Agent for the Episcopal Fund in the southern counties of the Diocese, after which, the Resolution was adopted.

On motion, leave of absence for the balance of the session was granted to the Rev. Mr. Fitzhugh, Messrs. Goldsborough, Coudon, Adkins, George, McMaster, Physick and Walker.

Mr. Massey, from the Committee on Accounts, submitted the following report :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS.

We have examined the Report of the Treasurer of the Diocese, and find it correct. He has paid \$604.00 for the year, to date, and has on hand \$30.72. He reports the needs of the ensuing year to be \$1,050.00, to raise which sum will require an additional assessment of seventy-five per cent.

C. H. B. MASSEY,
R. L. SPILMAN,
ED. S. JONES.

On motion of Mr. Seth, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay the Secretary of this Convention the sum of twenty-five dollars for the expense of transcribing and distributing the Journal.

On motion of Mr. Seth, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay the Sexton of this Church, the sum of ten dollars, for his services during the session of the Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Barber, from the Special Committee on the Cathedral System, submitted the following report :—

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to the Cathedral system, beg leave to report, that they have listened with profound interest and attention to the learned, judicious, and eminently practical views of Diocesan Policy elaborated in the Address.

In the general principles thus enunciated and enforced, the Committee express their hearty concurrence. That the Bishop should be the theological centre, as well as head, of the Diocese, with Divinity and other schools, with Mission helpers and Homes for the Destitute established around him, there can be no question. Only under this system can the true sphere and full functions of the Episcopal office be attained or its enduring benefits be secured.

Further, the committee express their decided conviction that, at the earliest day possible, the Diocese should adopt a definite policy in these particulars, and proceed to its fulfillment. But the limited time allowed to the Committee for consultation upon a subject so new to its members, and so extensive in its bearings, forbids a proper response to the Bishop at this session. More deliberation is indispensable.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on the Cathedral System be continued, and have leave to report at the next Convention.

JOHN CROSDALE,
THEO. P. BARBER,
JOHN O. BARTON,
ROBERT WILSON,
D. M. HENRY,
J. L. ADKINS,
H. H. DASHIELL.

On motion, the resolution was adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Wilson, from the Committee on the State of the Church, submitted the following report :—

The Committee on the State of the Church beg leave to report, that out of thirty-three Parishes, twenty-five have presented Annual Reports, being two less than last year. These Reports, however, exhibit a marked improvement in the care and accuracy which they exhibit. While a few Parishes seem to have grown more languishing, the majority show evidence of increased zeal and activity. We regret to note the vacancy of six among the living Parishes of the Diocese, and also the laxity of administration which has been brought out by the Vestry Reports. Thus we find six Churches reported in bad condition, ten Churches and five Rectories are unprotected by insurance, and nine Parish Treasurers are declared to render in no accounts, or if they do, to submit to no audit. We are unanimously agreed that any Parish or Vestry is derelict as to a most important duty, which does not require of its Treasurer regular and accurate returns and accounts, and in the case of Glebes or Endowments, ample security for the preservation and proper administration of the funds. We find that ten Parishes give salaries to their Rectors of \$600 and less, while only four reach \$1,000, and none exceed \$1,200. To the credit of all the Parishes, we are glad to note that the salaries pledged are generally reported well paid. Nine Parishes own Rectories, four have Glebes, and four possess Endowment Funds. One faithful Rector, of many years' standing, reports that he "has no salary, and never had any."

In the evidences of active work on the part of the Clergy, there seems to have been an increase of opportunity and of diligence in turning it to account. Thus we note 28 Adult Baptisms, against 17 in all the Parishes last year, and 288 Infant, against 268 last year. The Holy Communion has been administered 410 times, 267 Communicants have been added, while only 90 have removed and 26 have died. The absence of one or two important Reports prevents our comparing the total present number with that of last year, but the above figures indicate a decided increase.

In the money receipts, we observe a falling off of several thousand dollars, owing, doubtless, to the peculiar financial experiences of the past year. The contributions to both Domestic and Foreign Missions have decreased, while those to Diocesan Missions seem to have increased somewhat.

We are happy to note the building of a new Church at Greensborough, at a cost of some \$4,000, and another, paid for and consecrated, at Denton, the fruit of the faithful and untiring efforts of the Missionary at that point. A new organ has been purchased for Dorchester Parish, and three new windows put in St. Andrew's, Princess Anne, at a cost of \$350. It is pleasing to observe the reports from some of the Parishes, to the effect that they have disencumbered themselves of debt, and from one that the Church edifice can no longer accommodate the growing congregation, rendering enlargement indispensable.

We would, in conclusion, call attention to the Bishop's Schools at Easton. This enterprise has achieved a complete success. The Teachers, we learn, are thoroughly competent, and the appointments in both departments complete. We know no more promising opportunity for extension of the Church's influence, and the strengthening of her position by the thorough and churchly training of the young. We learn that arrangements will be made for boarding pupils from a distance, and we heartily commend these valuable Institutions to the support and confidence of the Diocese. All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT WILSON,
JOHN O. BARTON,
S. S. MCMASTER,
GEO. R. GOLDSBOROUGH.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Crosdale, the Secretary, under the direction of the Bishop, was ordered to arrange and publish so much of the Registers' Reports as deemed advisable.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop, on behalf of the Trustees of the Relief Fund, presented the Report of the Treasurer, and asked leave to defer a more definite Report until the next Convention. (Appendix.)

On motion, it was

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Vestries of Parishes, to pay the dues of their Clergy to the Clergymen's Mutual Insurance League.

The Rev. Mr. Barber, from the Board of Diocesan Missions, submitted the following Report :

In preparing their annual Report, the Board of Missions experience great relief in the fact that *the system* of offerings to this work—a work so vitally essential, urgent and pressing—is now well understood and appreciated throughout the Diocese.

We are thankful that there is no further need to discuss plans and methods of collecting funds for our Mission stations.

At the last Convention, the question was carefully discussed, and a simple, most effective scheme was finally adopted with great unanimity.

In the deliberate judgment of the Board, a year's trial has vindicated the wisdom of that method, and we believe there is general acquiescence in it among all the Parishes.

This system is embodied in three resolutions, as contained in the last Journal.

1. *Resolved*, That this Convention earnestly request the Rector and Vestry of each Parish, to obtain from every member of their Congregations a pledge to contribute annually a fixed sum to the funds of the Diocesan Missionary Board.

2. *Resolved*, That the Convention further request the Rector and Vestry of each Parish, to put into the hands of the person so pledged, a certain number of envelopes, each marked with the date of the several periods at which it may be deemed expedient to take up the said offering.

3. *Resolved*, That the Rector of each Parish is earnestly recommended to report to the Secretary of the Board—Rev. Mr. Barber—the amount which may reasonably be expected from his Parish, before the fifteenth of July.

Under this Resolution the envelopes were issued, providing for quarterly payments from each subscriber, and the Board gratefully recognize the earnest, hearty, resolute zeal with which nearly all the Parishes have responded to the plan of the Convention.

There are not more than thirty live Parishes in the Diocese, and yet twenty-six have forwarded the result of their collections to the Board

Thus actual experience has established the decided advantages of this method, and it is especially encouraging to note that some quite weak Parishes and Mission posts have reported considerable amounts.

The Report of the Treasurer is herewith presented :

From his statement we learn that the balance on hand at date of last Report was.....	\$248.10
Contributions during the year from Parishes.....	1,544.11
Collected at Episcopal visitations	258.35

Total amount for year's disposal.....	\$2,050.56
The amount expended under draft from the Bishop.....	1,876.50

Leaving balance on hand at this date.....	\$174.06
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In connection with the fact, that \$1,802.46 were actually remitted to the Treasurer in the last twelvemonth, it is worth noting, that, prior to the division of the Diocese, the entire contribution of the undivided Maryland Diocese, often fell below this sum, now so cheerfully contributed by our nine counties alone.

Meanwhile, the Mother Diocese is now contributing above \$5,000 annually to the Missions within her limits.

The appropriations of the year have been, to—

Rev. Mr. Beaven.....	\$225 00
Rev. John Martin.....	300 00
Rev. E. J. Stearns.....	300 00
Rev. J. W. Hoskins.....	300 00
Rev. J. W. Nott.....	50 00
Rev. John Crosdale.....	400 00
Rev. Mr. Trapier.....	50 00
Rev. D. M. Ellwood.....	175 00
Rev. Mr. Goodwin.....	37 50
Printing.....	39 00

Total.....	\$1,876 05
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For the encouraging aspect of these stations, under the faithful labor of our devoted Missionaries, the Board need only refer to the statements in the Episcopal Address of yesterday, and the reports of the Missionaries employed.

And the Committee desire to express the earnest hope that Rectors and Vestries will continue to give unremitting care to the working of our envelope system in the next twelve months. Active interest and prayerful heed are alone requisite to secure even larger returns for the next Annual Report. Can any words of ours add, dear Brethren, to your sense of the force and urgency of the claim which the mission field of our own beloved Diocese addresses to us?

May the Holy Ghost inspire the hearts of ministers and people to offer willingly their personal co-operation, their fervent prayers, their large gifts to this precious cause!

H. C. LAY,
LEWIS WALKER,
THEO. P. BARBER,
JOHN CROSDALE,
J. L. ADKINS, M.D.,
JOS. E. M. CHAMBERLAINE, M.D.

Mr. Seth, from Committee on Parochial Contributions, presented their Report, together with the assessment for year ending June 2, 1875. (Appendix.)

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Fulton, it was

Resolved, That the assessment, as reported by the Committee on Parochial Contributions, be adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Fulton offered the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Parochial Contributions be authorized to make a special assessment on the Parishes for the expenses of General Convention, on the same basis as that made for ordinary Diocesan expenses, said assessment to be paid by September 1st, of the present year.

Mr. Seth submitted the following substitute:

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to address a Circular to the various Rectors of the Diocese, requesting them to collect contributions to meet the deficiencies of the current year.

On taking the vote, the substitute failed to receive a majority of the votes cast, when the original Resolution prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Seth, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention are due, and are hereby tendered, to the citizens of Salisbury for their hospitality, and to the Rector and Vestry of this Parish, for the use of their Church, and for their considerate attention to the comfort and convenience of its members.

The Rev. Mr. Stearns moved, that after the Minutes were read, and after appropriate religious services, the Convention adjourn *sine die*, which motion prevailed.

The Minutes were read and approved, proper collects and prayers were said by the Bishop, and, after the benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

HENRY C. LAY,

President ex-officio.

JAMES L. BRYAN,

Secretary.

WILLIAM S. WALKER,

Assistant Secretary.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

CAROLINE COUNTY.

St. John's Parish.

W. S. H. Mansfield and John H. Holt, Wardens.

J. B. Bishop, F. T. Barton, Dr. P. S. Reynolds, Dr. G. W. Goldsborough, E. M. Bonwill, J. P. Manlove, Wm. C. Satterfield, John H. Holt, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Adult 2; Infant 12=14; Confirmations, 6; Marriages, 4; Burials, 4; Catechisings, 12; Holy Communion administered, 30.

Communicants, added, 4; removed, 2; present number, 48.

Sunday School Teachers, 8; Scholars, 60; Families, 25; Individuals, 150; Sittings, 300. Money receipts, \$1,585.06; Parochial Expenditures, \$1,369.95; Alms and Charities within the Parish, Convention, \$10.25; Home of the Friendless, \$19.00 and a box; Diocesan Missions, \$32.70; Domestic Missions, \$5.00; Bishop Doane's Scholarship in Bishop Morris' School, \$2.00; Sunday School Expenses, \$79.00. Total amount given in the Parish, \$1,585.06.

The weekly offertory amounted to \$281.51. Of this amount \$225.00 was appropriated to the use of the Rector and Missionary. The quarterly offertory, on the envelope plan, for the support of Diocesan Missions, has been unexpectedly successful, yielding, as entered above, on three occasions \$32.70.

GEO. F. BEAVEN, *Rector.*

St. Mary's, Whitechapel Parish.

George M. Russum and Frederic Straughn, Wardens.

Philip W. Downes, George M. Russum, Wm. G. Horsey, Charles Stevens, James B. Steele, Richard Carter, Frederick Straughn, M.D., Enoch George, M.D., Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Infant, 1; Confirmations, 6; Catechisings, 6; Holy Communion administered, 17.

Communicants, added, 6; present number, 17.

Sunday School Teachers, 6; Scholars, 29; Families, 13; Individuals, 57; Sittings, 100. Money Receipts, \$1,448.70; Parochial Expenditures, \$286.00; Parochial Improvements and Purchases, \$2,522.10; Diocesan Missions, \$24.90; Domestic Missions, \$2.47; Foreign Missions, \$1.56; Relief of Widows and Orphans of Clergy, \$3.43; Sunday School, \$20.53. Total amount given in the Parish, \$2,860.99.

The Church, which in my last Report, it was stated we were proposing to build, has since been built, paid for and consecrated. Its cost, including land (\$285.00) and bell, was \$2,522.10. Of this sum, \$1,053.67 was raised by the congregation, \$174.00 came from persons within the Parish, but not members of the congregation; the rest, \$1,294.43, with travelling expenses, \$140.37, in all \$1,435.30, came from outside the Parish, nearly \$1,300.00 of it having been raised by personal solicitation from house to house, over \$800.00 being from our own Diocese, nearly \$400.00 from Baltimore and vicinity, and \$75.00 from Annapolis. Of the remainder, \$25.00 came from the Rector of St. John's Parish, Washington; \$5.00 from St. George's, Alleghany; \$10.00 from St. Peter's, Ashtabula, Ohio; \$55.00 from Boston; and \$45.00 from a lady of New Brunswick, N. J. From two persons (one in Baltimore and one in Easton) were received \$100.00 each; one sent (unsolicited) \$50.00; one gave \$40.00; one \$30.00; five \$25.00 each; two \$15.00 each; twenty-eight \$10.00; eight-nine \$5.00 each; and a hundred and two less than \$5.00 each, in all two hundred and thirty different persons. Within the Diocese almost every one I called on gave something; in Baltimore (it being in the midst of the panic) only about one in three. My success, under God, was owing in great measure to the heartiness with which my brethren of the Clergy everywhere (I cannot refrain from mentioning in particular the Rector of *Memoria* Church, Baltimore, and the Rector of St. Timothy's, Catonsville) seconded my efforts. I am sure they will find that giving, in this case, has not impoverished their people, but has, on the contrary, made them only the more liberal in sustaining the work devolving upon them in their respective Parishes.

Nothing has been raised by fairs, concerts, festivals, and such like practising of self-denial.

EDWARD J. STEARNS, *Rector.*

CECIL COUNTY.

St. Mary Anne Parish.

Samuel L. Chamberlaine and Caleb Veasey, Wardens.

Joseph Coudon, Henry S. Coudon, John Maulden, William Simcoe, S. L. Chamberlaine, Francis W. Jones, George P. Whittaker, Elisha Harris, Vestrymen.

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Baptisms, Adult, 2; Infant, 12=14; Confirmations, 11; Marriage, 1; Burials, 3; Catechisings, occasional; Holy Communion administered, 14.

Communicants, added, 11; removed, 1; present number, 56.

Sunday School Teachers, 6; Scholars, 75; Families, 44; Individuals, 150; Sittings, 350. Money Receipts, \$735.00; Parochial Expenditures, \$756.00; Convention, \$10.00; Episcopal Fund, \$94.88; Home of the Friendless, \$25.33; miscellaneous, \$11.00. Total amount given in the Parish, \$952.21.

It affords the undersigned great satisfaction to report the prospective acquisition, at a cost of five thousand dollars, of a very desirable rectory and glebe, in connection with St. Mary's Church, North-East. Possession not being given until September next, it is not included in the above financial statement. It is to be the gift of one who has learned to devise large things in behalf of Christ and His Church.

L. S. RUSSELL, *Rector.*

North Sassafras Parish.

J. C. Crookshank and D. P. Davis, Wardens.

William Knight, B. B. Price, J. W. Veasey, S. E. Wills, A. J. Pennington, E. S. Jones, George Biddle, William Ward, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Infant, 4; Confirmations, 8; Marriage, 1; Burials, 3; Holy Communions, 13 times.

Communicants, added, 12; removed, 1; died, 1; present number, 43.

Families, 25; Individuals, 100; Sittings, 200. Money receipts, \$6,824.08; Parochial Expenditures, \$7,488.00; Parochial Improvements and Purchases, \$860.58; Convention, \$35.00; Episcopal Fund, \$341.00; Home of the Friendless, \$45.50; Diocesan Missions, \$95.67; Relief of Widows and Orphans of Clergy, \$13.25; Church at Denton, \$20.89.

The above report dates from the first of December last, when the present Rector entered upon his duties.

LEWIS WALKE, *Rector.*

Trinity Parish.

R. C. Mackall and W. W. Henderson, Wardens.

W. F. Baldwin, W. W. Henderson, — Reese, L. Roberts, G. W. Cruikshanks, R. C. Mackall, John Partridge, A. Wetherell, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Adult 7; Infant 24=31; Confirmations, 8; Marriages, 3; Burials, 6; Catechisings, 25; Holy Communion administered, 24 public, 10 private.

Communicants, added, 8; removed, 6; died, 1; present number 70.

Sunday School Teachers, 10; Scholars, 70; Families, 50; Individuals, 300; Sittings, 250. Money Receipts, \$1,685.89; Parochial Expenditures,

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\$1,297.83; Parochial Improvements and Purchases, \$300.00; Alms and Charities within the Parish, \$43.70; Convention, \$20.00; Episcopal Fund, \$130.50; Home of the Friendless, \$25.00; Diocesan Missions, \$90.82; Domestic Missions, \$1.88; Foreign Missions, \$7.43; Relief of Widows and Orphans of Clergy, \$5.00; Miscellaneous, \$14.60. Total amount given in the Parish, \$1,508.89.

The financial condition of this Parish, under the voluntary system and with free sittings in the Parish Church, is still improving. The offerings and contributions for the last twelve months exceed those of the previous year by nearly six hundred (\$600) dollars; and we are wholly unencumbered by any debt.

As regards the spiritual growth of the Cure, if the figures above given, together with more full and constant attendance on public worship and at Communion, and also increased work among the poor, as shown in the successful operation of our Parish Guild, are good evidences, then we may hope that we are also improving in this respect.

HENRY A. SKINNER, *Rector.*

St. James' Church.

Robert Hamilton and Henry P. Maddock, Wardens.

J. B. Pugh, Thomas Armstrong, Dixon West, H. L. Physick, R. E. McClennahan, J. B. Hutchinson, F. W. Beavan, H. S. Maddock, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Adult, 2; Infant, 12=14; Confirmations, 10; Marriages, 1; Burials, 1; Catechisings, frequently; Holy Communion administered, 21 (3 private).

Communicants, added, 13; removed 3; present number, 70.

Sunday School Teachers, 8; Scholars, 70; Families, 50; Individuals, 180; Sittings, 220. Money Receipts, \$1,470.00; Parochial Expenditures, \$1,165.00; Parochial Improvements and Purchases, \$187.00; Convention, \$10.00; Home of the Friendless, \$23.00; Diocesan Missions, \$64.04; Relief of Widows and Orphans of Clergy, \$4.50; Miscellaneous, \$20.80. Total amount given in the Parish, \$1,470.00.

JOHN MARTIN, *Rector.*

DORCHESTER COUNTY.

Dorchester Parish.

Dr. W. A. Smith and John E. Graham, Wardens.

S. M. Travers, W. W. Mace, T. B. Travers, R. L. Spilman, T. K. Carroll, J. M. Willis, G. W. Jefferson, T. H. Keene of L., Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Infant, 17; Confirmations, 5; Burials, 2; Holy Communion administered, 5.

Communicants, added, 7 ; removed, 4 ; died, 2 ; present number 15.

Sunday School Teachers, 10 ; Scholars, 50 ; Families, 30 ; Individuals, 150 ; Sittings, 400. Money Receipts, \$868.25 ; Parochial Expenditures, \$864.45 ; Parochial Improvements and Purchases, \$188.50 ; Alms and Charities within the Parish, \$25.00 ; Convention, \$5.00 ; Home of the Friendless, \$8.00 ; Diocesan Missions, \$20.00.

We have purchased an organ for Grace Church, carpeted the chancel, improved the Church grounds, and ornamented the same with choice trees. Our congregation at Trinity Church has largely increased, and we have a Sunday School there in successful operation.

D. M. ELLWOOD, *Minister.*

East New Market Parish.

Dr. James T. Jacobs and John Rose, Wardens.

K. M. Jacobs, J. H. Wright, Thomas Hicks, T. B. Sherman, Dr. J. R. Phillips, E. S. Johnson, Jarvis Eadie, Thomas Leckie, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Infant, 2 ; Confirmations, 4 ; Marriages, 2 ; Catechisings, monthly ; Holy Communion administered, monthly, and on the chief Festivals and during Lent.

Communicants, added, 6 ; removed, 3 ; present number, 32.

Sunday School Teachers, 4 ; Scholars, 12 ; Families, 20 ; Individuals, 75 ; Sittings, 100. Money receipts, \$486.00 ; Parochial Expenditure, \$280.00 ; Parochial Improvement, \$170.00 ; Convention, \$8.00 ; School at Fairbault, \$3.00 ; Schools at Nashotah, \$2.00 ; Home of the Friendless, \$3.00 ; Diocesan Missions, \$13.63 ; Domestic Missions, \$1.50 ; Foreign Missions, \$1.50 ; Indian Missions, \$1.50 ; Relief of Widows and Orphans of Clergy, \$2.50. Total \$486.00.

The ladies of this Parish have formed a Parochial Aid Society, and have been very successful in raising money to furnish and adorn the Church. The regular congregation has largely increased during the last twelve months, and by frequent services in the week as well on Sunday, their zeal and energy much improved. The small number of children in the Sunday School is accounted for by this fact, that the children of the Parish are mostly in the country too far removed.

JAMES W. HOSKINS, *Rector.*

Vienna Parish.

James A. Higgins and Frank Houston, Wardens.

W. S. Craft, James A. Higgins, Dr. E. Hodson, A. S. Percy, J. Robertson, John Webb, Frank Houston, T. H. Webb, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Infant, 1 ; Confirmations, 3 ; Burials, 3 ; Catechisings monthly ; Holy Communion, administered monthly.

Diocesan Convention of Easton.

Communicants, added, 5 ; removed, 2 ; died, 2 ; present number, 13.

Sunday School Teachers, 4 ; Scholars, 12 ; Families, 15 ; Individuals, 75 ;
Sittings, 125. Money Receipts, \$180.00 ; Parochial Expenditures, \$107.00 ;
Parochial Improvements, \$60.00 ; Convention, \$5.00 ; Home of the Friendless,
\$2.00 ; Diocesan Missions, \$6.37. Total amount given in the Parish, \$180.00.

During the past year this Parish lost one of its most active Vestrymen, by
the death of Mr. Daniel Waddell. He was an intelligent gentleman, a worthy
member of society, and a devout Christian, and is greatly missed by the
Church and by the youth of this community. By the zeal of a few members
of this Parish the Church has been nicely furnished and beautified. The con-
gregation here has greatly increased and we are moving on in our quiet way.

JAMES W. HOSKINS, *Rector.*

Great Choptank Parish.

William R. Hayward and Daniel M. Henry, Wardens.

Alex. H. Bayly, M. D., Wm. R. Hayward, M. D., D. M. Henry, Thos. B.
Steele, M. D., Chas. F. Goldsborough, Thos. H. Handy, Thos. H. Williams,
M. D., Edward W. LeCompte, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Infant, 21 ; Confirmation, 18 ; Marriages, 2 ; Burials, 6 ;
Catechisings, 20 ; Holy Communion administered, 23.

Communicants, added, 20 ; removed, 16 ; died, 2 ; present number, 175.

Sunday School Teachers, 19 ; Scholars, (including Rector's Class), 105 ;
Families, 85 ; Individuals, 430 ; Sittings, 400. Money Receipts, \$2,134.85 ;
Parochial Expenditures, \$1,200.00 ; Parochial Improvements and Purchases,
\$100.60 ; Alms and Charities within the Parish, \$230.00 ; Convention, \$30.00 ;
Episcopal Fund, \$122.00 ; Home of the Friendless, \$50.26 ; Diocesan Mis-
sions, \$127.86 ; Domestic Missions, \$57.00 ; Foreign Missions, \$15.00 ; Society
for Increase of Ministry, \$3.00 ; Relief of Widows and Orphans of Clergy,
\$19.36 ; other objects, viz : for Missions to Indians, \$6.77 ; for Church in
Denton, \$40.00 ; For Home Missions to Colored Race, \$3.00 ; Miscellaneous,
\$130.00. Total amount given in the Parish, \$2,134.85.

The very acceptable aid which the Assistant Minister continues to render is
most gratefully acknowledged by the Rector and Parishioners.

THEO. P. BARBER, *Rector,*
JAMES L. BRYAN, *Assistant Minister.*

KENT COUNTY.

Chester Parish.

N. G. Westcott and T. S. Wickes, Wardens.

W. S. Walker, Geo. B. Westcott, W. H. Meteer, J. L. Stam, W. N. E.
Wickes, J. A. Pearce, J. A. Wickes, G. W. T. Perkins, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Adult, 2; Infant, 7=9; Confirmations, 11; Marriage, 1; Burials, 5; Catechisings monthly; Holy Communion administered, 15.

Communicants, added, 25; removed, 6; died, 1; present number, 89.

Sunday School Teachers, 13; Scholars, 105; Families, 34; Individuals, 170; Sittings, 341. Parochial Expenditures, \$1,149.81; Alms and Charities, within the Parish, \$87.60; Convention, \$35.00; Home of the Friendless, \$20.34; Diocesan Missions, \$100.00; Domestic Missions, \$30.87; Foreign Missions, \$5.00; Relief of Widows and Orphans of Clergy, \$9.70.

S. C. ROBERTS, *Rector.*

I. U. Parish.

Samuel A. Roseberry and Stephenson Constable, Wardens.

Drs. Beck and Worrell, S. Hepbron Blackiston, Joseph Hossinger, Wm. S. Thompson, E. B. Pennington, Luther Handy, and Sewell Hepbron, Vestrymen.

Families and parts of Families, 19.

Communicants, 30.

Baptisms, 4; Confirmations, 1; Families removed, 1; Minister's salary, \$250.00; money from other sources, about \$58.06. No Rector since Easter.

SEWELL HEPBRON, *Register and Treasurer.*

St. Paul's Parish.

Chas. G. Ricaud and Geo. Beck, Wardens.

H. Beck, Jno. C. Hynson, T. A. Hulme, Geo. T. Hollyday, Jos. Ringgold, Ed. Smith, Jas. Rankin, Geo. D. S. Handy, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Adult, 2; Infant, 6=8; Confirmations, 9; Marriage, 1; Burials 9; Holy Communion administered, 16.

Communicants, added, 9; removed, 2; Died, 1; present number, 70.

Sunday School Teachers, 6; Scholars, 40; Families, 25; Individuals, 150; Sittings, 150. Money receipts, \$850.00; Money actually paid for all purposes, \$950.00; Parochial Expenditures, \$150.00; Diocesan Missions, \$17.56; Domestic Missions, \$6.00.

The Rev. C. L. Hendley resigned this Parish April 6th, 1874.

GEO. D. S. HANDY, *Register.*

Shrewsbury Parish.

John Raymond Lusby and Robert E. Wallis, Wardens.

Thos. C. Kennard, J. M. Armstrong, Thos. N. Tayman, James W. Hurtt, Wm. Welch, Wm. Jarvier, Dennis J. Noland, John C. Sutton, Vestrymen.

Diocesan Convention of Easton.

Baptisms, Adult, 1; Infant, 14=15; Confirmations, 6; Marriage, 1; Burials (2 in other Cures) 1; Catechisings (almost) weekly; Holy Communion, administered on High Festivals, weekly in Advent and Lent, and weekly at other times.

Communicants, added, 8; died, 1; present number, 65.

Sunday School Teachers, 8; Scholars, 35; Families, 100; Individuals, 400; Sittings, 300. Money Receipts, \$538.87; Parochial Expenditures, \$404.95; Parochial Improvements, \$89.00; Communion Alms, \$61.84; Home of the Friendless, \$28.75; Diocesan Missions, \$79.47; Domestic Missions, \$18.00; Widows and Orphans, \$4.75; Indian Missions, \$6.83; Church in Denton, \$27.63. Total amount given in the Parish, \$721.22.

We also have undertaken to clothe one of the children at the Home of the Friendless. We trust that on the whole, God in His wise Providence is beginning to put some new life into the Parish.

SAMUEL D. HALL, *Rector.*

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY.

Christ Church Parish.

James D. Mansfield and John C. Ninch, Wardens.

A. W. Thompson, W. E. G. Newnam, John H. Price, Elfred Price, J. Bateman Hopkins, Charles E. Tolson, Wm. B. Goodhand, Edward C. Legg, Vestrymen.

Baptism, Infant 1; Confirmations 6.

Communicants, present number, 19.

Sunday School Teachers, 6; Scholars, 42; Catechised every Sunday; Estimated number of Families, 13; Estimated number of Individuals, 75. Contributions, Diocesan Missions, \$36.38; Contributions, Communion Alms, \$15.75; Sunday School Collections, \$74.35. Total amount given in the Parish, \$126.48.

The undersigned resigned the Rectorship of this Parish on the last of May. His successor will find it a pleasant field of labor.

J. N. WATTSON, *Rector.*

St. Paul's Parish.

James T. Earle and Samuel T. Earle, Sr., Wardens.

Richard T. Earle, James Tilghman, Wm. McKenney, Robert Goldsborough, Edwin H. Brown, James Bordley, M. D., Sam'l T. Earle, Jr., and Dorsey Wright, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Infant, 11; Burials, 5; Catechisings, monthly; Holy Communion administered, 17 times.

Communicants, added, 3; removed, 8; present number, 103.

Sunday School Teachers, 9; Scholars, 37; Families, 53; Individuals, 250; Sitzings, 350. Money Receipts, \$2,096.67; Parochial Expenditures, \$839.12; Parochial Improvements and Purchases, \$811.25; Alms and Charities within the Parish, \$26.13; Convention, \$35.00; Episcopal Fund, \$31.90; Home of the Friendless, \$50.85; Diocesan Missions, \$102.50; Domestic Missions, \$6.71; Foreign Missions, \$31.79; Relief of Widows and Orphans of Clergy, \$6.64; other Objects, viz: to the Sunday School, \$96.28; to Churches at Denton and Greensboro', \$47.00; Miscellaneous, \$1.50. Total amount given in the Parish, \$2,086.67.

The incumbent took charge of this Parish the 1st of December last. The above report, however, embraces the Parochial work of the preceding five months of the year. In the above report of offerings, \$100 were received by legacy from Mrs. Henrietta Tilghman, which have been expended in a Chalice and Baptismal Bowl. Within the past year \$800 have been expended upon the Church in repairs and improvements.

JAMES A. MITCHELL, *Rector.*

QUEEN ANNE'S AND TALBOT COUNTIES.

Wye Parish.

Dr. James Davidson and W. R. Davidson, Wardens.

James Davidson, R. B. Carmichael, R. C. Tilghman, W. R. Davidson, C. H. Tilghman, Thomas Grason, Geo. Davidson, N. Comegys, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Infant, 23; (colored 10) = 23; Confirmations, 7; Marriages, 4; Burials, 2; Catechisings, 2; Holy Communion administered, 25.

Communicants, added, 8; removed, 3; present number, 53.

Sunday School Teachers, 2; Scholars, 7; Families, 32; Individuals, 126; Sitzings, 316. Money Receipts, \$770.77; Parochial Expenditures, \$551.18; Alms and Charities within the Parish, \$4.85; Convention, \$32.51; Home of the Friendless, \$7.50; Diocesan Missions, \$110.67; Domestic Missions, \$20.50; Foreign Missions, \$8.24. Total amount given in the Parish, \$735.45.

\$54.00 of the \$770.77 coming in at different times in the way of presents, do not appear in the sum total.

W. B. EVERETT, *Minister in Charge.*

SOMERSET COUNTY.

Coventry Parish.

Baptisms, Infant, 24; Confirmations, 2; Marriages, 6; Burials, 3; Holy Communion administered, 8.

Diocesan Convention of Easton.

Communicants, added, 5; removed, 3; present number, 74; Estimated number of Families, 39; Individuals, 177; number of Sittings in Churches, 750. Money Receipts from all sources, \$426.29; Money actually paid, (Parish expenses) \$346.29; Convention, \$30.00; Diocesan Missions, \$50.00. Total amount given in the Parish, \$426.29.

JOHN CROSDALE, *Minister.*

Somerset Parish.

William J. Brittingham, William Stewart and Robert Dashiell, Wardens.

Levin Woolford, W. J. Brittingham, William Stewart, M. D., W. H. Gale, M. D., H. H. Dashiell, John W. Dashiell, M. D., Robert J. Waller, and Isaac S. Atkinson, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Adult, 3; Infant, 15=18; Confirmations, 6; Marriages, 4; Burials, 7; Holy Communion administered, 23 times.

Communicants, added, 14; removed, 8; died, 4; present number, 192.

Sunday School Teachers, 13; Scholars, 85; Estimated number of Families, 90; Estimated number of Individuals, 410; Number of Sittings in Church and Chapels, 450. Money Receipts, \$1,732.04; Parochial Expenditures, \$1,206.59; Improvements and Purchases, \$967.60; Convention, \$35.00; Episcopal Fund, \$166.65; Home of the Friendless, \$29.75; Diocesan Missions, \$87.05; Nashotah, \$10.00; Paid for purchase of Dr. Allen's Book, \$35.00; for the Sunday School, \$61.00; for New Window in Church, \$100.00. Total amount given in the Parish, \$2,698.64.

JOHN O. BARTON, *Rector.*

SOMERSET AND WORCESTER COUNTIES.

Pocomoke Parish.

S. S. McMaster, and George T. Truitt, Wardens.

S. S. McMaster, John E. Hayward, C. C. Lloyd, J. W. Dougherty, D. J. O. Truitt, M. D., James Broughton, Philip S. West, B. H. Williams, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Adult, 2; Infant, 18=20; Confirmations, 15; Marriages, 4; Burials, 9; Holy Communion administered (5 times in private), 20.

Communicants, added, 20; removed, 4; died, 2; present number, 93.

Sunday School Teachers, 3; Scholars, 35; Families, 58; Individuals, 258; Sittings, 225. Money Receipts, \$1,092.32; Parochial Expenditures, \$506.00; Parochial Improvements and Purchases, \$300.00; Alms and Charities within

the Parish, \$25.00; Convention, \$15.00; Episcopal Fund, \$104.65; Home of the Friendless, \$50.00; Diocesan Missions, \$55.67; Domestic Missions, \$10.00; Foreign Missions, \$8.00; Indian Missions, \$8.00; Church in Denton, \$10.00. Total amount given in the Parish, \$1,092.32.

JOHN CROSDALE, *Rector.*

TALBOT COUNTY.

St. Michael's Parish.

George R. Goldsborough, and William Willis, Wardens.

William Goldsborough, John, W. Kemp, George R. Goldsborough, Charles Lowndes, John Harrington, Nathan P. Jenkins, William Willis, Jacob S. Morris, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Adult, 3; Infant, 18=21; Confirmations, 15; Marriages, 2; Burials, 5; Catechisings, 8; Holy Communion administered, 30.

Communicants, added, 12; died, 2; present number, 145.

Sunday School Teachers, 15; Scholars, 125; Estimated number of Families 70; Estimated number of Individuals, 425; Number of sittings in Church, and Chapels, 700; Money Receipts from all sources, whether Pew Rents, Subscriptions, Offertory, Collection in Church, Alms privately bestowed in money within the knowledge of the Rector, but *not including* income from Glebe or Endowment, \$5,117.64; Money actually paid for all purposes, viz: Parochial Expenditures, including Current Expenses, Salaries of every sort, Repairs and the like, \$1,152 00; Parochial Improvements and Purchases, \$2,000.00; Alms and Charities within the Parish, \$38.08; paid to the Treasurer of the Convention, \$35.00; paid to Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, \$435.50; paid to the Treasurer of Home of the Friendless, \$170.14; paid to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions, \$150.80; sent for Domestic Missions, \$46.12; sent for Foreign Missions, \$15.00; sent to Missions Colored People, \$15.00; sent to Missions to Indians, \$10.00, other objects, viz: "Relief Fund, Diocese of Easton," \$20.00; Present to Rector, \$30.00; Invested for repairs on Parish Church, \$1,000.00; Miscellaneous Interest on Invested Fund, \$400.00. Total amount given in the Parish, \$5,517 64.

In my last year's Report the Journal made my Parochial Improvements to amount to eighteen dollars and twenty cents; when it should have been eighteen hundred and twenty dollars. "All Saints Church" has been completed, paid for, and consecrated to the services of Almighty God; may He continue to bless the effort made to gather in the service for which He shed His most precious blood.

ERASTUS F. DASHIELL, *Rector.*

St. Peter's Parish.

William H. Smith and Henry H. Goldsborough, Wardens.

Samuel Hambleton, J. L. Adkins, Wm. M. Hollyday, John F. Kersey, M. T. Goldsborough, Wm. H. Smith, R. J. Trippe, H. H. Goldsborough, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Adult, 2; Infant, 24=26; Confirmations, 7; Marriages, 4; Burials, 8; Catechisings, monthly; Holy Communion administered, (private) 734.

Communicants, added, 24; removed, 7; died, 2; present number, 243.
Sunday School Teachers, 10; Scholars, 80.

Parish School Teachers, (Bishop's School) 3; Scholars, 50; Families, 75; Individuals, 500. Sittings, 360. Money receipts, \$4,646.34; Parochial Expenditures, \$2,624.92; Parochial Improvements and Purchases, \$180.00; Alms and Charities within the Parish, \$96.74 (estimated); Convention, \$35.00; Episcopal Fund, \$520.40; Home of the Friendless, \$364.15; Diocesan Missions, \$230.91; Domestic Missions, \$168.21; Foreign Missions, \$33.51; Increase of Ministry, \$35.69; Relief of Widows and Orphans of Clergy, \$11.70; Church Building in Diocese, \$266.00; Donations to Rector, \$67.00; Miscellaneous, \$245.00. Total amount given in the Parish, \$4,646.34.

The sums entered, are not to be *balanced*. Several hundred dollars expended "Parochial Expenditure, etc.," were derived from sources not included under "Money Receipts." A new organ is secured, though not yet purchased, and an extension of the Church edifice, to cost at least \$4,000.00, is contemplated before the next Report. \$3,000.00 has been pledged already, payable in full by January 1, 1875. The Church is altogether too small for the congregation. Every pew is occupied, and there are many applicants for sittings who cannot find accommodation.

ROBERT WILSON, *Rector*.

Whitemarsh Parish.

Baptisms, 11; Confirmed, 1.

Communicants, 66; Marriages, 2; Burials, 4; Communion Alms, \$64.66; all other Contributions, \$1,288.73. Total amount given in the Parish, \$1,353.39.

All of which has been appropriated within the Parish and Diocese.

The Parish has been without a Rector since last November. Services have been held regularly on Sunday morning, by the Bishop of the Diocese, and the Rev. Mr. Turner (Principal of the Bishop's School in Easton). The debt of the Parish is small, and sufficient assets to pay.

THOS. S. HADDAWAY, SR., *Warden*.

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WICOMICO COUNTY.

Spring Hill Parish.

George W. Hitch and Saml. B. D. Jones, Wardens.

George Waller, John White, Milton A. Parsons, J. Augustus Parsons, George Hitch, Dr. W. H. H. Dashiell, Wm. E. Brewington, Wm. Waller, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Adult, 3; Infant, 11=14; Confirmations, 20; Marriages, 7; Burials, 15; Holy Communion administered, 26 times.

Communicants, added, 26; removed, 8; died, 6; present number, 197.

Sunday School Teachers, 20; Scholars, 160; Families, 110; Individuals, 600; Sitzings, 650. Money Receipts, \$2,267.14; Parochial Expenditures, \$1,156.10; Parochial Improvements and Purchases, \$294.00; Convention, \$35.00; Episcopal Fund, \$274.12; Diocesan Missions, \$57.43; Domestic Missions, \$24.80; Foreign Missions, \$5.00; Relief of Widows and Orphans of Clergy, \$5.00; Church at Denton, \$54.00; Sunday School, \$82.80; Miscellaneous, \$279.89. Total amount given in the Parish, \$2,267.14.

WM. FULTON, *Rector.*

Stepney Parish.

Robert Walter and Dr. James A. J. Willing, Wardens.

Levin Walter, Geo. D. Walter, Dr. James A. J. Wilhining, Robert Walter, Wm. H. H. Bailey, Geo. E. Wingate, Ernest Riall, Thomas Walter, Vestrymen.

Confirmations, 3; Holy Communion administered, 2.

Communicants, added, 3; present number, 9; Families, 25; Individuals, 100; Sitzings, 150. Money Receipts, \$42.22; Paid to the Treasurer of the Convention, \$5.00.

The want of necessary pastoral work, renders it impossible to give all the statistics required by the above form. Services were held once a month in St. Mary's Chapel, until the close of the year 1873; since then the Church has been closed, except when visited by the Bishop in April.

ERNEST RIALL, *Register.*

WORCESTER COUNTY.

All Hallows Parish.

James D. Hack and Frank Dashiell, Wardens.

Thos. P. Parker, James S. Jones, Geo. Bishop, M. D., Stephen Mason, James D. Hack, Geo. W. Upshur, Frank Porter, Sam. Townsend, Vestrymen.

Diocesan Convention of Easton.

Baptisms, Infant, 7; Marriage, 1; Burials, 7; Catechising occasionally; Holy Communion, administered monthly.

Communicants, added, 5; removed, 2; died, 1; present number, 45.

Sunday School Teachers, 6; Scholars, 25; Families, 23; Individuals, 130; Sitzings, 400. Money Receipts, \$1,094.50; Parochial Expenditures, \$726.93; Parochial Improvements and Purchases, \$83.69; Alms and Charities within the Parish, \$91.00; Convention, \$15.00; Episcopal Fund, \$46.69; Home of the Friendless, \$18.45; Diocesan Missions, \$33.67; Domestic Missions, \$5.84; Foreign Missions, \$25.38; St. Mary's, Denton, \$33.50; Rev. Dr. Allen's manuscript, \$9.00; Sunday School Library, \$5.35. Total amount given in the Parish, \$1,094.50.

C. H. WILLIAMSON, *Rector.*

Worcester Parish.

Josiah N. Marshall and John R. Purnell, Wardens.

John R. Purnell, Wm. B. Robins, John T. Hammond, E. J. Derickson, S. T. Williams, H. C. Hudson, John F. Jones, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Adult, 1; Infant, 19=20; Confirmations, 2; Marriages, 4; Burials, 5; Catechisings, 8; Holy Communion administered, 20.

Communicants, added, 3; removed, 1; died, 1; present number, 62.

Sunday School Teachers, 7; Scholars, 35; Families, 32; Individuals, 131; Sitzings, 500; Parochial Expenditures, \$836.00; Parochial Improvements and Purchases, \$42.81; Alms and Charities within the Parish, \$20.00; Convention, \$35.00; Episcopal Fund, \$413.83; Home of the Friendless, \$66.00; Diocesan Missions, \$25.00; Domestic Missions, \$13.00; Sunday School Library, \$6.00; Church at Denton, \$40.00.

We have sent, along with money, one box containing provisions to the Home of the Friendless. The Church has received as a present, from a family outside of our congregation, a Bishop's chair, worth \$65.00.

GEO. S. FITZHUGH, *Minister in Charge.*

PORTS

Parish Improvements.
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preached occasionally in Christ Church, Easton.

J. W. TURNER.



CLERICAL REPORTS.

The undersigned respectfully reports, that during the greater portion of the past year he has been engaged in teaching, and rendering such assistance in Parochial ministrations as health permitted, and occasion offered.

Perrymansville P. O.

E. G. PERRYMAN.

The undersigned respectfully reports, that after his ordination in June, 1873, his first Services as Deacon were at Williamsburgh, in the Diocese of Virginia. On the 15th of last September, he took charge of "The Bishop's Schools," Easton, Md., as Principal, with two assistants, both ladies. These Schools opened with some 40 scholars. The whole number of entries for the scholastic year is 59. Of this number, 28 were boys, and 31 girls. The School has prospered beyond expectation, and has felt the need of an additional assistant. The two departments, male and female, though in the same building, have been always separate. There are this year eleven scholars from a distance, who board in town, five of the eleven being girls.

During the Lenten season a series of instructions on Church History, were given by the Bishop of the Diocese, to a select class of the older boys and girls. Each school-day is opened with divine worship in the two departments.

Since the 23d of last November, I have officiated in St. Paul's Chapel, Trappe, about once a fortnight, alternating with the Bishop until Easter. Since Easter I have officiated there once a week, (excepting Trinity Sunday) when I assisted in Christ Church, Easton. I have preached twice at Centreville, and once at St. John's Chapel, Miles river. I have also assisted the Rev. Dr. Wilson, several times in administering the Holy Communion, and preached occasionally in Christ Church, Easton.

J. W. TURNER.

SUMMARY OF VESTRY REPORTS.

Reports have been received from 24 Vestries, through their Registrars or Treasurers.

Of the 36 CHURCH BUILDINGS mentioned, all but four are in good repair. Rehoboth Church and Stepney Church, in which no regular service is held, are in need of repair to fit them for use. Christ Church, Kent Island, is not habitable. Shrewsbury Church is in bad condition. The churches at St. Michael's and Monie, while comfortable, need some repairs.

The RECTORIES reported 14 in number, and all habitable, most of them in good repair.

GLEBES are few; North Sassafras reports an excellent farm in good order and carefully managed. Christ Church, Kent Island, does not report its farms, probably because they are held in trust. These are in good condition. St. Paul's, Kent, has fenced in its glebes and is taking measures to bring the land into cultivation. In Princess Anne and in Hillsboro', four or five acres of ground are attached to the Rectory. St. Mary's Whitechapel possessed 200 acres forty years ago, all of which has been taken by neighbors, within their enclosures.

Of ENDOWMENTS, or Vested Funds, St. Michael's reports \$7,000, and Somerset Parish, a Church repair fund of \$5,500, both invested in Baltimore city stock. All Hallows' reports \$4,225, loaned on mortgage and partly on personal security. Spring Hill has \$600 secured by private securities. Pocomoke has \$428, carefully loaned, and Trinity, Elkton, has 28 shares in a Building Association. Three of the Parishes report that they either exact no settlement at all with the Treasurer, or else are irregular.

Concerning INSURANCE, most of the Churches and Rectories are insured fully. Six Parishes have no insurance on Rectories, and twelve Parishes, including several of the most substantial, do not insure their Church buildings.

The reports mention salaries promised and paid as follows, including Missionary aid: Two of \$1,200; six of \$1,000; one of \$850; one of \$800; two of \$700; one of \$650; three of \$600; and one of \$550. Besides these one parish promised \$500, and has paid \$600. Another promised \$550, and has paid \$440, while yet another promised \$700, and has paid \$389.95.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PARISH BOUNDS.

The Committee to whom it was referred, to ascertain and define the boundaries of the several Parishes, in the Diocese of Easton, respectfully report, that in the discharge of the duty assigned them, they have given much attention and consideration.

It did not seem desirable to the Committee that they should avail themselves to any great extent of the liberty allowed them of altering the bounds of the respective Parishes, nor have they done so, except in some few instances where change seemed to be required. They have thought it most important at this time to ascertain and define the bounds as they already exist, believing that it had better be left to the future action of this Convention, to make such changes as occasion may call for.

It is believed that the report now presented, defines as nearly as can be ascertained, the bounds of the different Parishes, and while it is doubtless not free from mistakes, they are such as can be easily rectified when the whole subject comes up for the approval of the next Annual Convention.

All of which, together with the Act to define the bounds of the several Parishes, is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CROSDALE,
GEORGE R. GOLDSBOROUGH,
GEORGE M. RUSSUM,
W. S. WALKER,
WILLIAM WALLER,
D. M. HENRY.

AN ACT, to define the boundaries of the Parishes in the Diocese of Easton.

Be it enacted, by the Convention of the Diocese of Easton, That the bounds of the several Parishes in the Diocese shall be as follows, to wit:—

CECIL COUNTY.

St. Mary Anne's Parish.

Beginning on the Elk river at the mouth of Piney Creek, thence with the said creek to the place where it is crossed by the Elkton and Turkey Point

road, thence with said road to its crossing Mill Creek to where it crosses the Elkton and Nottingham road, and thence with said road to where it crosses the Little North-East creek at Mechanicsville, thence with the Little North-East to Kirk's Mill on the Elkton and Blue Ball road, thence with said road north to the Pennsylvania line, thence westwardly with said line to the Susquehanna river, and thence with the shore line of Cecil County to the place of beginning.

Trinity Parish.

Beginning on the Elk River at the mouth of Piney Creek, thence with said creek to the Point where it is crossed by the Elkton and Turkey Point road, thence with said road to its crossing Mill Creek, to where it crosses the Elkton and Nottingham road, and thence with said road to where it crosses the Little North-East Creek at Mechanicsville, thence with the Little North-East to Kirk's Mill on the Elkton and Blue Ball road, thence with the said road north to the Pennsylvania line, thence with said line to the Maryland and Delaware line, thence with said line to its point of intersection with the bed of the Newcastle and Frenchtown railroad, thence with said railroad to Frenchtown, and thence with Elk River to the mouth of Piney Creek.

North Sassafras Parish.

Beginning at the mouth of Bohemia River, thence with said river to the line of Delaware, thence with the line of Delaware to Sassafras River, thence with said river to Elk River and thence with Elk River to the place of beginning.

Augustine Parish.

Beginning at Piney Point, on Elk River, thence with said river to Frenchtown, thence by the bed of the old railroad from Frenchtown to Newcastle to its intersection with the line of Delaware, thence with the line of Delaware to Bohemia River, thence with said river to Elk River, and thence with Elk River to the place of beginning.

St. James' Church, Port Deposit.

Organized as a separate Congregation in St. Mary Anne's Parish, under leave, granted by the Convention of the Diocese of Easton, A. D., 1871.

CAROLINE, QUEEN ANNE AND TALBOT COUNTIES.

St. John's Parish.

Beginning at the point where the southern boundary of St. Luke's Parish touches the dividing line between Queen Anne and Caroline Counties, at

Bridgetown, thence with the county road leading from Bridgetown to Roesville, thence with the road leading from Roesville to Colgan's cross roads, thence with the road leading from Colgan's cross roads to Ruthsburg, thence with the road leading from Ruthsburg to Hall's cross roads, thence from Hall's cross roads in a straight line to a point in the road leading from Wye Mills to Hillsborough, called Callaghan's Bridge, thence with said road to the division line between Eliason's (Callaghan's) and Holt's (Seth's) farm, thence in a straight line southerly to the road leading from Skipton to Hillsborough, thence with said road to Cordova Station on Maryland and Delaware railroad, thence with said railroad south-westerly to the northern boundary of St. Peter's Parish, Talbot County, thence easterly with said boundary to Jadwin's Branch and with said branch to Tuckahoe Creek, thence with said creek northwest to Doane's landing, thence with the western boundary of St. Mary's White Chapel Parish to Choptank River, thence with said river to the Delaware line, thence with said line north until it reaches the point where the Counties of Caroline and Queen Anne touch said boundary line, (above Templeville) thence with the division line between Queen Anne's and Caroline Counties to the place of beginning.

St. Mary's White Chapel Parish.

Beginning at the mouth of Tuckahoe Creek and running with said creek to "Doane's Landing," thence with the county road northerly, until it intersects the county road leading from Denton to Hillsborough, at a point between the property of the late George Fisher and the lands of Capt. Robert K. Emerson, thence with said last named road easterly to the road beginning opposite the residence of R. C. Carter, leading to Greensborough, thence with said Greensborough road, northeasterly, to the stream of the "Stock Landing" (or Brick) Mill Branch, and thence with the said stream easterly, until it reaches Choptank River, thence with said river northerly, to the mouth of Medford's (or Driver's) Mill stream, which constitutes the division line between the second and third election districts of Caroline County, thence with said stream easterly, to the head thereof, thence in a straight line easterly, to the line dividing the States of Maryland and Delaware, thence with the division line between said States south, to the line dividing Caroline and Dorchester Counties, and thence with said division line, westerly, to the Choptank River, thence with said river north, to the place of beginning.

KENT COUNTY.

Chester Parish.

Beginning at a point which intersects the third and fourth election district line of Kent County, on the main road leading from Worton Creek to Chestertown, near the residence of T. C. Parson's, and thence by a due east course until it intersects the boundary line of Shrewsbury Parish, and thence

by and with said river to the mouth of Muddy Creek, thence up the head of said creek, thence by a straight line to the head of Bloody Bridge Branch, thence by and with said branch until it issues into Fannings' Branch, thence up said branch to its head, thence up a valley in Jas. McLean's plantation with a road leading from Caston Griffin's to its intersection with the main county road leading from Worton to Chestertown, the place of beginning.

St. Paul's Parish.

Beginning at the mouth of a pond by the bay side, between Marmaduke Tilden's (now Luther Handy's) and Mr. Frisley's (now Mr. Overend's), and running up the pond side to the head thereof where it intersects the line between said Marmaduke Tilden's land and Geo. Copper's land, thence up that line to the road leading from said Tilden's to Coston Griffin's, thence with that road to intersect the main road from the head of Worton to Chestertown, and with that road to a valley in Jas. McLean's plantation, leading into the head of a branch called Fannings' Branch, thence down that valley and branch to a small branch issuing into said Fannings' Branch called Bloody Bridge Branch, thence up said branch to the head thereof, and with a straight line to the head of Muddy Creek, and down the said creek to Chester River, and thence by and with Chester River and Chesapeake Bay to the place of beginning.

I. U. Parish.

Established A. D. 1862—Maryland Convention, Journal, page 6.

Beginning at the mouth of a pond by the bay side in the farm of J. H. B. Anderson—that is to say, at the point where the boundary line of Chester and St. Paul's Parishes begins, and running by and with said line (of Chester and St. Paul's Parishes) to the point where it intersects the third and fourth election districts' line of Kent County, in the main road leading from Worton Creek to Chestertown, near the residence of T. C. Parsons, and thence by a due east course until it intersects the boundary line of Shrewsbury Parish, and thence by and with said line to its beginning at the mouth of Tunner's Creek of Sassafras River, and thence by said river to its mouth, and thence by the bay shore to the place of beginning.

Shrewsbury Parish.

Beginning at the mouth of Tunner's Creek, on Sassafras River, and running up the said creek to James Loutill's Point, and thence with the road leading by John Shannahan's with the main county road to Chestertown, thence with the said main county road to Thomas Perkins', and thence by the cross road to Isaac Perkins' Mill, and thence by a due southeast course to Chester River, thence with said river to Crunnyston, thence with the main

road through Chesterville to its intersection with the main road from Georgetown X Roads to Massey's X Roads, thence by a straight line to the point where the road leading from said Georgetown X Roads to the head of Sassafras crosses the most westerly branch, emptying into Anthony's Mill Pond, thence by and with said pond and branch stream to its debouche into Sassafras River, and thence with said river to the mouth of Tunner's Creek, the place of beginning.

N. Kent Parish.

Established A. D. 1855.

Beginning at McAlister's Ferry (now Crumpton) on Chester River and running from thence by and with the main road through Chesterville to its intersection with the main road from Georgetown X Roads to Massey's X Roads, thence by a straight line to the point where the road leading from said Georgetown X Roads to the head of Sassafras crosses the most westerly branch, emptying into Antony's mill pond, thence by and with said pond and branch stream to its debouche into Sassafras River, thence with said river to the line of Delaware, thence with said line to Chester River, and thence with said river to the place of beginning.

QUEEN ANNE COUNTY.

St. Paul's Parish.

Beginning at Booker's wharf on Chester River, thence by a public road to Seth's Mill, thence to the line between election districts Nos. 2 and 3 to Colgan's Cross Roads, thence with the road from Colgan's Cross Roads to Ruthsburg, thence with the road from Ruthsburg to Hall's Cross Roads, thence with the road leading from Hall's Cross Roads to the road leading from Centreville to Easton; thence with said road to Madam Elsey's Branch, thence with the dividing line of election districts Nos. 3 and 5 to the head of Reed's Creek, thence with said creek to Chester River, and thence with said River to the place of beginning.

St. Luke's Parish.

Beginning at Booker's Wharf on Chester River, thence by a public road to Seth's Mill, thence to the line between election districts Nos. 2 and 3 to Colgan's X Roads, thence with the public road that leads to Dover, Kent Co., Delaware, till said road intersects the line of Caroline County, thence with the line of Caroline County to the Delaware Line, thence with the line of Delaware to Chester River, and thence with Chester River to the place of beginning.

*Diocesan Convention of Easton.**Christ Church Parish, Kent Island.*

As originally established in 1692, comprises the whole of Kent Island.

QUEEN ANNE AND TALBOT COUNTIES.

Wye Parish.

[Established A. D. 1860 — *Maryland Convention Journal*, page 5.]

Beginning at a point where a stream of water commonly called Reed Creek empties into Chester River, and running up the said creek to its head, thence with a line following the line of the election districts to a point where it intersects the mail road from Centreville to Easton, at Madam Elsey's branch, thence in a direct line to a point where the said air-line stretches the division line between St. Paul's, Queen Anne and Talbot Counties, and St. John's Parish, Caroline County, at Hall's Cross Roads, thence in a straight line to a point in the road (Callaghan's Bridge) leading from Wye Mills to Hillsborough, thence with said road to the division line between Eliason's and Holt's Farms, thence in a straight line to the road leading from Skipton to Hillsborough, thence with said road to Cordova Station, on the Maryland and Delaware railroad, thence with said railroad to the northern boundary of St. Peter's Parish, Talbot County, thence with said line west, to the head of Brewers' Branch (Skipton Creek), thence with said branch or creek to Wye River, thence with Wye River to Easton Bay, thence bordering on said bay to Kent Narrows, thence with Kent Narrows to Chester River, and thence with said river to place of beginning.

TALBOT COUNTY.

St. Peter's Parish.

Beginning at the head of a cove on Trippe's Creek, thence with said cove and creek to Tread Haven Creek, thence running with said creek to Easton Point, thence with the northern and eastern branch of said creek to its head, thence with a straight line to Wootenause's Bridge, on King's Creek, thence with said creek or branch to its head, thence by a straight line to the head of Brewer's Branch, thence eastwardly to the head of John Jadin's Branch, thence with said branch to Tuckahoe Creek, thence with said creek to Chop-tank River, thence with said river to the line of White Marsh Parish, thence with the line of said Parish, a due west course to the place of beginning.

White Marsh Parish.

[Established A. D. 1858 — *Maryland Convention Journal* 1859, page 106.]

Beginning at the head of a cove of Trippe's Creek at the junction of the lands of B. Haskins, M. T. Goldsborough and Hugh Hambleton, and running thence due east to Choptank River, thence with said river to the mouth of Third Haven Creek, thence with the course of said creek to Trippe's Creek, and thence with said creek to the place of beginning.

St. Michael's Parish.

Beginning at Benom's Point near the mouth of Tread Haven Creek, thence with said creek to Easton Point, thence with the northern and eastern branch to its head, thence with a straight line to Wootenause's Bridge on King's Creek or Branch, thence with said creek or branch to its head, thence by a straight line to the head of Brewers's Branch, thence with said branch to Wye River, thence with said river to its mouth, and thence with the shore line of Talbot County to the mouth of Tread Haven Creek, the place of beginning.

DORCHESTER COUNTY.

Great Choptank Parish.

Beginning at the mouth of Little Choptank River, and running up the said river to its head at Winsmore's Bridge; thence in a straight line to the head of the North Branch of Blackwater River at the bridge on the County Road between the "Summer House" Farm and the farm owned by Joseph Snow; thence down the Blackwater River, and binding therewith to its mouth; thence to the mouth of Transquaking River, and up Transquaking River to its head at the "Double Bridges" on the County Road leading from Vienna to Cambridge; thence down the said road in a westwardly direction to a bridge over a branch which runs into the creek which divides "White Hall" Farm from "Fair View" Farm, usually known as Travers' Creek; thence down the said branch and creek to Great Choptank River, and thence running and binding with the waters of Great Choptank River and Chesapeake Bay to the beginning.

Dorchester Parish.

Beginning at the mouth of Little Choptank River, and thence running and binding with said river to its head at Winsmore's Bridge; thence in a straight line to the bridge on the County Road between the "Summer House" Farm and the farm of Joseph Snow at the head of the north branch of Blackwater

River; thence down the said river, and binding therewith to its mouth; thence in a straight line across the waters of Fishing Bay to the mouth of Island Creek; thence running and binding with said creek to the head thereof and onward in a due east course to the Nanticoke River; thence with the divisional line between Dorchester County and Wicomico and Somerset Counties to Chesapeake Bay, and thence with the waters of said Bay to the beginning.

Vienna Parish.

Beginning at the head of Transquaking River at the Double Bridges on the County Road leading from Cambridge to Vienna, and thence running down the said river and binding therewith to its mouth, thence running and binding with the waters of Fishing Bay to the mouth of Island Creek, thence up the said creek and binding therewith to the head thereof, and onward in a due East course to Nanticoke River, thence up the Nanticoke River and the northwest fork thereof, and binding therewith to Crotcher's Ferry, and thence by a straight line to the beginning.

East New Market Parish.

Beginning at the mouth of the creek dividing the "White Hall" Farm from "Fairview" Farm, usually known as Travers' Creek, and thence running up the Choptank River and binding therewith to the divisional line between Dorchester and Caroline Counties, thence with said divisional line in an eastwardly direction to the divisional line between the State of Maryland and the State of Delaware, thence down said divisional line in a southerly direction and binding therewith to the Northeast branch of Nanticoke River, thence down said branch and binding therewith to its junction with the northwest branch of said river, thence up the said northwest branch and binding therewith to Crotcher's Ferry, thence by a straight line in a westwardly direction to the Double Bridges at the head of Transquaking River, thence down the County Road leading from Vienna to Cambridge in a westerly direction to a bridge over the branch which runs into the creek aforesaid, usually known as Travers' Creek and thence down the said branch and creek to the beginning.

WICOMICO COUNTY.

Spring Hill Parish.

Beginning at the mouth of Quantico Creek; thence by and with said creek to Quantico Mills; thence with the County Road from Quantico to Salisbury till it strikes Eliot's Creek; thence with the said creek to Wicomico River;

thence with said river and the line which divides Somerset and Wicomico Counties to the Pocomoke River ; thence with said rivers to the mouth of the Mill stream of Dr. Punnell's Mill ; thence by a straight line to the head of Tony Tank Creek ; thence by a straight line north to Amonythen's Mill ; thence by the stream of said Mill to Punnell I. Jones' Mill ; thence by a straight line to Jacob Parker's Mill ; thence by the road leading from Smith's Mills to Salisbury to the line of Delaware ; thence by and with the line of Delaware to Nanticoke River, and thence with said river to the place of beginning.

Stepney Parish.

Beginning at the mouth of Quantico Creek ; thence by and with said creek to Quantico Mills ; thence with the County Road from Quantico to Salisbury till it strikes Eliot's Creek ; thence with said creek to the Wicomico River ; thence with said river to the Nanticoke River, and thence with the Nanticoke River to the place of beginning.

St. Matthew's Parish.

Beginning at the intersection of the Pocomoke River with the line which divides the States of Maryland and Delaware, and running by and with said line westerly to the road leading from Smith's Mills to Salisbury, thence down said road to Jacob Parker's Mill, thence by a straight line to Punnell I. Jones' Mill, thence with the stream of said mill to Amonythen's Mill, thence by a straight line south to Tony Tank Creek, thence along said creek to its head, thence by a straight line to Dr. Punnell's Mill, thence with said mill-stream to Pocomoke River, and thence with said river to the place of beginning.

SOMERSET COUNTY.

Somerset Parish.

Beginning at the mouth of Back Creek on Mauchin River, thence with said creek to the bridge known as Back Creek Bridge, thence south by and with the road leading from Princess Anne to Kingston about a quarter of a mile to the head of the County Road leading to Green Hill, thence easterly with said road to Green Hill, thence by the road leading to Princess Anne to a branch called Trading Branch, (head of King's Creek,) thence with said branch to Plunket's Bridge, thence with the line which at present divides Princess Anne and Dublin Election Districts to Dividing Creek, thence with said Dividing Creek till it intersects the main County Road, which divides Somerset and Worcester Counties, thence with said dividing road to the line of Wicomico County, thence with the line of said county to the head of Wicomico

Creek, thence a straight line to the head of Great Monie Creek, and thence with said Creek and the shore-line of Somerset County to the place of beginning.

Wicomico Parish.

Beginning at the mouth of Great Monie Creek on Wicomico River, thence with said river to the Upper Ferry, thence by and with the road leading to the head of Wicomico Creek, thence by a straight line to the head of Great Monie Creek, and thence with said creek to the place of beginning.

Coventry Parish.

Beginning at the mouth of Back Creek, on Manokin River; thence with said creek to the bridge known as Back Creek Bridge; thence south by and with the road leading from Princess Anne to Kingston about one-fourth of a mile to the head of the County Road leading to Green Hill; thence by and with said road to the head of a road (near the farm now owned by Mr. James Dryden) leading to Rehoboth; thence southerly with said road to the head of a new County Road leading into the road from Newtown to Rehoboth; thence with the said new County Road easterly to the said road from Newtown to Rehoboth; thence with said road about one-half of a mile to a branch called Chicken Branch; thence with said branch to Pocomoke River, and thence with the shore line of Somerset County to the place of beginning.

SOMERSET AND WORCESTER COUNTIES.

Pocomoke Parish.

Beginning on the west side of Pocomoke River at the mouth of a branch called Chicken Branch at a point between Newtown and Rehoboth; thence by and with said branch till it crosses the road leading from Newtown about one half of a mile; thence westwardly with a new county road to a road leading to Rehoboth; thence by and with said road northwardly to the road leading from Newtown to Green Hill; thence westwardly with said road to Green Hill; thence northwardly by and with the County Road leading to Princess Anne to Trading Branch; thence up said branch to Plunket's Bridge; thence with the line which at this time divides Princess Anne and Dublin election districts, to the point where said line intersects Dividing Creek; thence by and with said creek till it is crossed by the road leading from Princess Anne to Snow Hill; thence by and with said road to Naseonge Bridge and Creek; thence by and with said creek to its mouth on Pocomoke River; thence by and with said river to Cottingham's Ferry on the east side of the river;

thence east by and with the County Road to Matthew's and Ellis' Mill; thence down said mill race till it intersects the line dividing the States of Maryland and Virginia; thence with said line to Pocomoke River, and thence with said river to the place of beginning.

WORCESTER COUNTY.

Worcester Parish.

Beginning at the mouth of Ninepin Branch on Pocomoke River, thence with said river to the line of Delaware, thence with the Delaware line to the Atlantic Ocean, thence with the shore line of Worcester County to a point opposite the mouth of Marshall's Creek, thence with a straight line to the mouth of said creek, and thence with said creek to Mason's Landing, thence by and with the County Road leading to the head of Ninepin Branch, and thence with said branch to the place of beginning.

All Hallow's Parish.

Beginning at the mouth of Naseonge Creek; thence northerly with said creek to the line of Wicomico County; thence with the line of said County to the Pocomoke River; thence by and with said river to the mouth of Ninepin Branch; thence with said branch and the County Road to Mason's Landing on Marshall's Creek; thence with said creek to its mouth; thence with the shore line of Worcester County to the line dividing the States of Maryland and Virginia; thence by and with said dividing-line till it intersects the mill-stream of Matthew's and Ellis' Mills; thence with said stream to said Mills; thence by and with the County Road to Cottingham's Ferry on Pocomoke River, and thence by and with said river to the place of beginning.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PAROCHIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

The Committee on Parochial Contributions submit the following report of amounts recived, on account of assessments for the year 1874 :

St. Mary Anne's Parish.....	\$15 00
North Sassafras "	35 00
Trinity Church, Elkton.....	25 00
St. James', Port Deposit.....	10 00
Dorchester Parish.....	8 00
East New Market.....	8 00
Great Choptank	30 00
Vienna.....	5 00

Chester Parish.....	\$35 00
I. U. "	10 00
North Kent.....	30 00
St. Luke's	5 00
St. Paul's	35 00
Pocomoke.....	15 00
St. Michael's	35 00
St. Peter's	35 00
White Marsh.....	25 00
Spring Hill.....	35 00
Stepney.....	5 00
All Hallows'.....	15 00
Worcester	15 00
Coventry.....	10 00
Somerset.....	35 00
	<hr/> \$476 00

Which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH B. SETH,
G. W. CRUIKSHANKS, } *Committee.*
GEORGE M. RUSSUM, }

The Committee further report that they found the sum of \$120.27 in arrear,
and collected from

Wye Parish	\$19 50
St. John's Parish, Caroline Co.....	13 00
	<hr/> \$32 50
Which leaves a balance due	
* From Vienna Parish, 1870.....	\$5 00
	<hr/> 5 00
From Wye Parish, arrearage.....	17 77
" " " 1874.....	10 00
	<hr/> 27 77
From Christ Church, Kent Island, 1871.....	11 00
" " " " " 1872.....	16 00
" " " " " 1873.....	8 00
" " " " " 1874.....	30 00
	<hr/> 65 00
From North Kent, 1869.....	30 00
From St. Paul's, Kent Co., 1874.....	30 00
From Shrewsbury, 1874.....	35 00
	<hr/> 192 77

* Paid since Convention \$5.

Appendix.

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RECAPITULATION.

Amount received on account of Assessments for 1874.....	\$476 00
Amount received from arrearage.....	32 50
Total.....	—————\$508 50
Whole amount in arrear.....	192 77

Which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH B. SETH,
G. W. CRUIKSHANKS, } Committee.
GEORGE M. RUSSUM, }

ASSESSMENT FOR PAROCHIAL CONTRIBUTIONS, FOR THE YEAR 1875.

Caroline County.

St. John's Parish.....	\$10 00
St. Mary's White Chapel.....	10 00

Cecil County.

St. Mary Anne's.....	15 00
North Sassafra.....	35 00
Trinity Church, Elkton.....	25 00
St. James', Port Deposit.....	15 00

Dorchester County.

Dorchester Parish.....	10 00
East New Market.....	8 00
Great Choptank.....	30 00
Vienna.....	5 00

Kent County.

Chester.....	35 00
I. U.....	10 00
North Kent.....	30 00
St. Paul's.....	30 00
Shrewsbury.....	35 00

Queen Anne's and Talbot Counties.

Wye Parish.....	10 00
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Queen Anne's County.

Christ Church (Kent Island).....	30 00
St. Luke's.....	5 00
St. Paul's.....	35 00

River; thence down the said river, and binding therewith to its mouth; thence in a straight line across the waters of Fishing Bay to the mouth of Island Creek; thence running and binding with said creek to the head thereof and onward in a due east course to the Nanticoke River; thence with the divisional line between Dorchester County and Wicomico and Somerset Counties to Chesapeake Bay, and thence with the waters of said Bay to the beginning.

Vienna Parish.

Beginning at the head of Transquaking River at the Double Bridges on the County Road leading from Cambridge to Vienna, and thence running down the said river and binding therewith to its mouth, thence running and binding with the waters of Fishing Bay to the mouth of Island Creek, thence up the said creek and binding therewith to the head thereof, and onward in a due East course to Nanticoke River, thence up the Nanticoke River and the northwest fork thereof, and binding therewith to Crotcher's Ferry, and thence by a straight line to the beginning.

East New Market Parish.

Beginning at the mouth of the creek dividing the "White Hall" Farm from "Fairview" Farm, usually known as Travers' Creek, and thence running up the Choptank River and binding therewith to the divisional line between Dorchester and Caroline Counties, thence with said divisional line in an eastwardly direction to the divisional line between the State of Maryland and the State of Delaware, thence down said divisional line in a southerly direction and binding therewith to the Northeast branch of Nanticoke River, thence down said branch and binding therewith to its junction with the northwest branch of said river, thence up the said northwest branch and binding therewith to Crotcher's Ferry, thence by a straight line in a westwardly direction to the Double Bridges at the head of Transquaking River, thence down the County Road leading from Vienna to Cambridge in a westerly direction to a bridge over the branch which runs into the creek aforesaid, usually known as Travers' Creek and thence down the said branch and creek to the beginning.

WICOMICO COUNTY.

Spring Hill Parish.

Beginning at the mouth of Quantico Creek; thence by and with said creek to Quantico Mills; thence with the County Road from Quantico to Salisbury till it strikes Eliot's Creek; thence with the said creek to Wicomico River;

thence with said river and the line which divides Somerset and Wicomico Counties to the Pocomoke River; thence with said rivers to the mouth of the Mill stream of Dr. Punnell's Mill; thence by a straight line to the head of Tony Tank Creek; thence by a straight line north to Amonythen's Mill; thence by the stream of said Mill to Punnell I. Jones' Mill; thence by a straight line to Jacob Parker's Mill; thence by the road leading from Smith's Mills to Salisbury to the line of Delaware; thence by and with the line of Delaware to Nanticoke River, and thence with said river to the place of beginning.

Stepney Parish.

Beginning at the mouth of Quantico Creek; thence by and with said creek to Quantico Mills; thence with the County Road from Quantico to Salisbury till it strikes Eliot's Creek; thence with said creek to the Wicomico River; thence with said river to the Nanticoke River, and thence with the Nanticoke River to the place of beginning.

St. Matthew's Parish.

Beginning at the intersection of the Pocomoke River with the line which divides the States of Maryland and Delaware, and running by and with said line westerly to the road leading from Smith's Mills to Salisbury, thence down said road to Jacob Parker's Mill, thence by a straight line to Punnell I. Jones' Mill, thence with the stream of said mill to Amonytheu's Mill, thence by a straight line south to Tony Tank Creek, thence along said creek to its head, thence by a straight line to Dr. Punnell's Mill, thence with said mill-stream to Pocomoke River, and thence with said river to the place of beginning.

SOMERSET COUNTY.

Somerset Parish.

Beginning at the mouth of Back Creek on Mauchin River, thence with said creek to the bridge known as Back Creek Bridge, thence south by and with the road leading from Princess Anne to Kingston about a quarter of a mile to the head of the County Road leading to Green Hill, thence easterly with said road to Green Hill, thence by the road leading to Princess Anne to a branch called Trading Branch, (head of King's Creek,) thence with said branch to Plunket's Bridge, thence with the line which at present divides Princess Anne and Dublin Election Districts to Dividing Creek, thence with said Dividing Creek till it intersects the main County Road, which divides Somerset and Worcester Counties, thence with said dividing road to the line of Wicomico County, thence with the line of said county to the head of Wicomico

Creek, thence a straight line to the head of Great Monie Creek, and thence with said Creek and the shore-line of Somerset County to the place of beginning.

Wicomico Parish.

Beginning at the mouth of Great Monie Creek on Wicomico River, thence with said river to the Upper Ferry, thence by and with the road leading to the head of Wicomico Creek, thence by a straight line to the head of Great Monie Creek, and thence with said creek to the place of beginning.

Coventry Parish.

Beginning at the mouth of Back Creek, on Manokin River; thence with said creek to the bridge known as Back Creek Bridge; thence south by and with the road leading from Princess Anne to Kingston about one-fourth of a mile to the head of the County Road leading to Green Hill; thence by and with said road to the head of a road (near the farm now owned by Mr. James Dryden) leading to Rehoboth; thence southerly with said road to the head of a new County Road leading into the road from Newtown to Rehoboth; thence with the said new County Road easterly to the said road from Newtown to Rehoboth; thence with said road about one-half of a mile to a branch called Chicken Branch; thence with said branch to Pocomoke River, and thence with the shore line of Somerset County to the place of beginning.

SOMERSET AND WORCESTER COUNTIES.

Pocomoke Parish.

Beginning on the west side of Pocomoke River at the mouth of a branch called Chicken Branch at a point between Newtown and Rehoboth; thence by and with said branch till it crosses the road leading from Newtown about one half of a mile; thence westwardly with a new county road to a road leading to Rehoboth; thence by and with said road northwardly to the road leading from Newtown to Green Hill; thence westwardly with said road to Green Hill; thence northwardly by and with the County Road leading to Princess Anne to Trading Branch; thence up said branch to Plunket's Bridge; thence with the line which at this time divides Princess Anne and Dublin election districts, to the point where said line intersects Dividing Creek; thence by and with said creek till it is crossed by the road leading from Princess Anne to Snow Hill; thence by and with said road to Naseonge Bridge and Creek; thence by and with said creek to its mouth on Pocomoke River; thence by and with said river to Cottingham's Ferry on the east side of the river;

thence east by and with the County Road to Matthew's and Ellis' Mill; thence down said mill race till it intersects the line dividing the States of Maryland and Virginia; thence with said line to Pocomoke River, and thence with said river to the place of beginning.

WORCESTER COUNTY.

Worcester Parish.

Beginning at the mouth of Ninepin Branch on Pocomoke River, thence with said river to the line of Delaware, thence with the Delaware line to the Atlantic Ocean, thence with the shore line of Worcester County to a point opposite the mouth of Marshall's Creek, thence with a straight line to the mouth of said creek, and thence with said creek to Mason's Landing, thence by and with the County Road leading to the head of Ninepin Branch, and thence with said branch to the place of beginning.

All Hallow's Parish.

Beginning at the mouth of Naseonge Creek; thence northerly with said creek to the line of Wicomico County; thence with the line of said County to the Pocomoke River; thence by and with said river to the mouth of Ninepin Branch; thence with said branch and the County Road to Mason's Landing on Marshall's Creek; thence with said creek to its mouth; thence with the shore line of Worcester County to the line dividing the States of Maryland and Virginia; thence by and with said dividing-line till it intersects the mill-stream of Matthew's and Ellis' Mills; thence with said stream to said Mills; thence by and with the County Road to Cottingham's Ferry on Pocomoke River, and thence by and with said river to the place of beginning.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PAROCHIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

The Committee on Parochial Contributions submit the following report of amounts recived, on account of assessments for the year 1874 :

St. Mary Anne's Parish.....	\$15 00
North Sassafras "	35 00
Trinity Church, Elkton.....	25 00
St. James', Port Deposit.....	10 00
Dorchester Parish.....	8 00
East New Market.....	8 00
Great Choptank	30 00
Vienna.....	5 00

Queen Anne's County.....	\$40 85
Caroline "	27 37
Talbot "	590 79
Dorchester "	97 16
Somerset "	29 75
Worcester "	108 70

Total Subscriptions from the Eastern Shore.....	\$1,089 14
Donations and Miscellaneous Receipts.	142 21
Balance June 4th, 1873.....	116 93

Total Receipts.....\$1,348 28

Expenses.

To Supplies.....	\$398 52
" Clothing.....	61 15
" Medicines.....	41 17
" Fuel.....	138 28
" Matron's Salary.....	174 82
" Assistant Matron	95 33
" Wages.....	57 00
" Insurance.....	32 25
" General expenses.....	225 34

Total Expenses	\$1,223 86
Balance in Bank.....	124 42

\$1,348 28

June 1st, 1874.

E. A. GOLDSBOROUGH, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF CLERGY RELIEF FUND.

The Treasurer of the Clergy Relief Fund, begs leave to report the following receipts :

Contributions St. Paul's Parish, Kent Co.....	\$10 00
Whit-Sunday offering, Chester Parish, Kent Co.....	9 70
" " North Sassafras Parish, Cecil Co	13 25
" " Great Choptank " Dorchester Co..	19 36
" " St. Michael's " Talbot Co.....	20 00
" " Trinity " Cecil Co.....	5 00
	\$77 31
Whit-Sunday offerings, St. Mary's White Chapel.....	\$ 3 40
" " St. Paul's Parish, Queen Anne's.....	6 64
" " St. James' Church	5 00
	92 35

Whit-Sunday offerings, Wye Parish.....	\$3 00
“ “ East New Market	2 50
“ “ Spring Hill	5 00
“ “ Shrewsbury.....	4 75
	—————\$107 60

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE EPISCOPAL FUND.

The Trustees respectfully submit to the Convention the Report of the Treasurer, stating the receipts and applications of money paid on subscription account.

The payments have been light the past year. It will be well for the Convention to consider that they are growing smaller each year, and whether a more summary way of collecting the annual dues, but especially the accumulating arrearages, has not at last become vitally necessary.

No subject likely to come before the Convention, would seem to demand more earnest consideration.

RICHARD B. CARMICHAEL,
CHARLES LOWNDES,
EDMUND L. F. HARDCASTLE,
W. S. WALKER,
GEORGE R. GOLDSBOROUGH,
H. H. DASHIELL,
J. L. ADKINS.

To the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Easton:

GENTLEMEN:—The Treasurer presents the accompanying Report, detailing subscription, interest and dividend receipts, and the investments and disbursements, since the last Annual Convention.

Compared with last year, payments of annual installments and arrearages are less, by nearly two thousand dollars, while the interest payments on subscriptions fall short nearly one-half.

It may not be out of place here to cite the case of a single Parish now *in arrear* about \$900.00 on its annual dues of the principal, and \$500.00 of interest, the latter nearly sufficient to pay a quarter of the Bishop's salary. Many other Parishes are too far behind for safety, and for comfortable feeling as to the Diocesan needs.

Will you recommend legal proceedings against those in default two years and over, or the appointment of a special collector by the Convention, to start out soon after its adjournment? Something must be done, and that speedily.

Invested, as reported heretofore \$25,900.40.

RECEIPTS.

On sixth installment and arrearages.....	\$2,640 20
From payment of temporary loans.....	375 00
Balance on hand at last report.....	808 67
	—————\$3,823 87

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EXPENSES.

Paid for stamps, stationary, probits, &c.....\$ 15 00

INVESTMENTS.

(Since last Report.)

1000 Baltimore City, 6 per cent bond.....	\$ 952 50
1000 Baltimore City People's Gas Co., 6 per cent, bond....	940 00
35 shares Easton Gas Light Company.....	350 00
Temporary loan.....	150 00
1000 Cincinnati 7-30 bond....	1,010 00
Balance on hand for investment	406 37
	<hr/> \$3,823 87

INTEREST AND DIVIDEND RECEIPTS.

On subscriptions.....	\$ 868 91
On investments	1,376 46
On hand at last report	1,054 37
	<hr/> \$3,299 74

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid salary of the Bishop.....	\$2,500 00
Leaving to pay salary	\$ 799 74
	<hr/> \$3,299 74

The following sums paid at the Convention will be included in the next Report :

From Trinity Parish.....	\$137 25
" St. Mary Anne's Parish.....	40 80
" St. Paul's Parish, (Queen Anne's)	12 40
" Somerset Parish.....	166 65

J. L. ADKINS, *Treasurer.*

EASTON, *June 3, 1874.*

ACTION OF THE CONVENTION OF MARYLAND.

The following communication was received by the Bishop, too late to be laid before the Convention, and is here inserted for reference.

I hereby certify that at the Convention of the Diocese of the P. E. Church in Maryland, held at St. John's Church, Washington, D. C., on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, the 27th, 28th and 29th days of May, 1874, respectively, the following Resolution was adopted by said Convention :

Resolved, By the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Maryland, that its assent be, and the same is hereby given to the payment by the Vestry of Christ Church, Kent Island, Maryland, of all

arrears of the annuity, given by the deed of Juliana Blunt, of September 15, 1832, "to the Bishop's Fund of the Maryland Diocese," as well as all of said annuity which shall hereafter accrue, and be payable unto the Convention of the Diocese of Easton.

Witness my hand, this 4th day of June, 1874.

E. A. DALRYMPLE,
*Secretary of the Convention of the P. E. Church,
in the Diocese of Maryland.*

Diocesan Convention of Easton.

The Board of Missions of the Diocese of Easton, in act. with J. L. ADKINS, Treasurer

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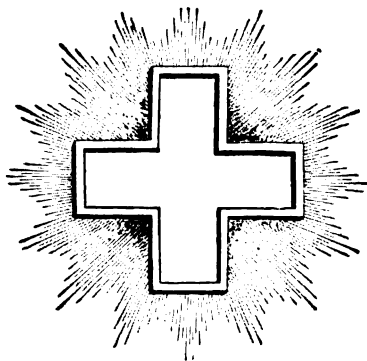
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MEETINGS OF CONVOCATIONS.

NORTHERN CONVOCATION.

The REV. LEWIS WALKER, *Dean*.

Second Tuesday (14th) in September, North Sassafras. First Tuesday (1st) in February, Port Deposit. Second Tuesday (9th) in May, North East.

MIDDLE CONVOCATION.

The REV. THEO. P. BARBER, *Dean*.

Second Tuesday (12th) in October, Centreville. Third Tuesday (15th) in February, Easton. Fourth Tuesday (25th) in April, St. Michael's.

SOUTHERN CONVOCATION.

The REV. JOHN CROSDALE, D. D., *Dean*.

Fourth Tuesday (26th) in October, Berlin. Second Tuesday (11th) in January, Snow Hill. First Tuesday (2nd) in May, Newtown.

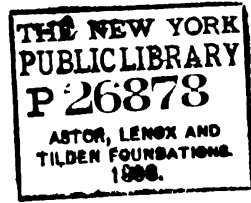
HOME OF THE FRIENDLESS.

Applications for admission to the Home for Friendless Children, must be made, in writing, to the President of the Board, Mrs. HENRY C. LAY; or to the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. M. M. DAWSON, Easton, Talbot County, Maryland.

Remittances should be sent to Mrs. GEO. R. GOLDSBOROUGH, Easton. Boxes of supplies should be marked with the name of the Parish, and directed "to the Home of the Friendless, Easton, Maryland."

The Address of the Bishop on the "Revival, the Parish, and the Mission," has been published in pamphlet form. It will be furnished, postage paid, on application to the Rev. Dr. Bryan, Cambridge, at five cents a copy.

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LIST OF THE CLERGY
OF THE
DIOCESE OF EASTON, JUNE 2d, 1875.

•• Those whose names are in *italics*, are not entitled to a seat in the Convention, and those marked with a * did not attend its sessions.

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- Rt. Rev. HENRY C. LAY, D. D., LL. D., Bishop of the Diocese.
 Rev. JOHN CROSDALE, D. D., Rector of Pocomoke Parish.
 " THEODORE P. BARBER, Rector of Great Choptank Parish.
 " *John A. Thompson*, residing on Kent Island.
 " ERASTUS F. DASHIELL, Rector of St. Michael's Parish.
 " *GEORGE F. BEAVEN, Rector of St. John's Parish.
 " JAS. L. BRYAN, M. D., Deacon, Assistant Minister of Great Choptank.
 " **Thomas L. Green*, residing at Church Hill.
 " JOSEPH N. WATTSON, Rector of North Kent Parish.
 " JOHN O. BARTON, Rector of Somerset Parish.
 " *WILLIAM FULTON, D. D., Rector of Spring Hill Parish.
 " JAMES A. MITCHELL, Rector of St. Paul's Parish, Queen-Anne's Co.
 " ROBERT WILSON, M. D., Rector of St. Peter's Parish.
 " JOHN MARTIN, Rector of St. James' Church, Port Deposit.
 " EDWARD J. STEARNS, D. D., Rector of St. Mary's, Whitechapel Parish.
 " WILLIAM B. EVERETT, M. D., Rector of Wye Parish.
 " *GEORGE S. FITZHUGH, Rector of Whitemarsh Parish.
 " *Edward G. Perryman*.
 " JAS. W. HOSKINS, Rector of E. New Market and Vienna Parishes.
 " STEPHEN C. ROBERTS, Rector of Chester Parish.
 " SAMUEL D. HALL, Rector of Shrewsbury Parish.
 " C. H. WILLIAMSON, M. D., Rector of All Hallows' Parish.
 " HENRY A. SKINNER, Rector of Trinity Parish.
 " *JOSEPH W. TURNER, Deacon, Principal of the Bishop's Schools.
 " LEWIS WALKE, Rector of North Sassafra's Parish.
 " D. M. ELLWOOD, M. D., Rector of Dorchester Parish.
 " SEWELL S. HEPBRON, Rector of St. Paul's, Kent County, and I. U. Parishes.
 " WILLIAM A. SCHUBERT, Deacon, Missionary in St. Luke's Parish.
 " *ENOCH K. MILLER, Rector of North Elk, or St. Mary Anne's Parish.
 " *PHILIP D. THOMPSON, Rector of Christ Church Parish.
 " **Pierre DuGué Trapier*, Rector of Worcester Parish.
 " *Richard Totten*, Missionary in All Saints' Church.

In all, the Bishop, 28 Priests and 3 Deacons=32.

LIST OF CLERGY,
WITH POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

- 1 The Rt. Rev. HENRY C. LAY, D. D., Easton, Talbot Co., Md.
- 2 " Rev. THEODORE P. BARBER, Cambridge, Dorchester Co., Md.
- 3 " " JOHN O. BARTON, Princess Anne, Somerset Co., Md.
- 4 " " GEORGE F. BEAVEN, Hillsborough, Caroline Co., Md.
- 5 " " JAMES L. BRYAN, M. D., Cambridge, Dorchester Co., Md.
- 6 " " JOHN CROSDALE, D. D., Newtown, Worcester Co., Md.
- 7 " " ERASTUS F. DASHIELL, St. Michael's, Talbot Co., Md.
- 8 " " D. M. ELLWOOD, M. D., Taylor's Island, Dorchester Co., Md.
- 9 " " WM. B. EVERETT, M. D., Wye Mills, Talbot Co., Md.
- 10 " " GEORGE S. FITZHUGH, Trappe, Talbot Co., Md.
- 11 " " WILLIAM FULTON, D. D., Salisbury, Wicomico Co., Md.
- 12 " " THOS. L. GREEN, Church Hill, Queen Anne's Co., Md.
- 13 " " SAMUEL D. HALL, Locust Grove, Kent Co., Md.
- 14 " " SEWELL S. HEPBRON, Fairleigh, Kent Co., Md.
- 15 " " JAS. W. HOSKINS, East Newmarket, Dorchester Co., Md.
- 16 " " JOHN MARTIN, Port Deposit, Cecil Co., Md.
- 17 " " ENOCH K. MILLER, North-East, Cecil Co., Md.
- 18 " " JAS. A. MITCHELL, Centreville, Queen Anne's Co., Md.
- 19 " " EDWARD G. PERRYMAN, Perrymansville, Harford Co., Md.
- 20 " " STEPHEN C. ROBERTS, Chestertown, Kent Co., Md.
- 21 " " WILLIAM A. SCHUBERT, Church Hill, Queen Anne's Co., Md.
- 22 " " HENRY A. SKINNER, Elkton, Cecil Co., Md.
- 23 " " EDWARD J. STEARNS, D. D., Denton, Caroline Co., Md.
- 24 " " JOHN A. THOMPSON, Kent Island, Queen Anne's Co., Md.
- 25 " " PHILIP D. THOMPSON, Kent Island, Queen Anne's Co., Md.
- 26 " " RICHARD TOTTEN, Longwoods, Talbot Co., Md.
- 27 " " PIERRE DUGUE TRAPIER, Berlin, Worcester Co., Md.
- 28 " " JOSEPH W. TURNER, Easton, Talbot Co., Md.
- 29 " " JOSEPH N. WATTSON, Massey's, Kent Co., Md.
- 30 " " LEWIS WALKE, Cecilton, Cecil Co., Md.
- 31 " " CHAS. H. WILLIAMSON, M. D., Snow Hill, Worcester Co., Md.
- 32 " " ROBERT WILSON, M. D., Easton, Talbot Co., Md.

LIST
OF
PARISHES AND CONGREGATIONS IN THE DIOCESE OF
EASTON, WITH THE CLERGY OF THE SAME;
AND OF
LAY DELEGATES TO THE SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.
Lay Delegates marked with a * did not attend.

CAROLINE COUNTY.

St. John's Parish.	<i>Lay Delegates.</i>
St. Paul's Church, Hillsborough,	
Church of the Holy Trinity, Greensborough,	
Rev. George F. Beaven, Rector.	J. P. Manlove.
St. Mary's Whitechapel Parish,	
Christ Church, Denton,	
Rev. Edward J. Stearns, D. D., Rector.	F. Straughn, M. D.

CECIL COUNTY.

Augustine Parish.	
St. Augustine Church.	
North Elk or St. Mary Anne's Parish.	
St. Mary Anne's Church, Northeast,	
St. Mark's Chapel, Perryville,	
Rev. Enoch K. Miller, Rector.	Henry S. Coudon.
North Sassafras Parish.	
St. Stephen's Church,	
Rev. Lewis Walke, Rector.	Geo. Biddle.
Trinity Parish.	
Trinity Church, Elkton,	
Rev. Henry A. Skinner, Rector.	R. C. Mackall, M. D.
St. James' Church.	
St. James' Church, Port Deposit,	
Rev. John Martin, Rector.	H. L. Physick.

DORCHESTER COUNTY.

Dorchester Parish.

Lay Delegates.

Trinity Church, Church Creek,
Grace Church, Taylor's Island,

Rev. D. M. Ellwood, M. D., Rector.

* T. K. Carroll, M. D.

East New Market Parish.

St. Stephens' Church, East New Market,
Rev. Jas. W. Hoskins, Rector.

E. S. Johnson.

Great Choptank Parish.

Christ Church, Cambridge,
St. John's Chapel, Castle Haven Neck,
Rev. Theo. P. Barber, Rector.
Rev. Jas. L. Bryan, M. D., Deacon,
Assistant Minister.

Wm. R. Hayward, M. D.

D. M. Henry, Jr.

Vienna Parish.

St. Paul's Church, Vienna,
Rev. Jas. W. Hoskins, Rector.

A. S. Percy.

KENT COUNTY.

Chester Parish.

St. Paul's Church, Chestertown,
Rev. Stephen C. Roberts, Rector.

Wm. S. Walker.

I. U. Parish.

Christ Church,
Rev. Sewell S. Hepbron, Rector.

Sewell Hepbron.

North Kent Parish.

St. Clement's Church, Massey's,
Rev. Jos. N. Wattson, Rector.

C. H. B. Massey, M. D.

St. Paul's Parish.

St. Paul's Church,
Rev. Sewell S. Hepbron, Rector.

Jas Rankin.

Shrewsbury Parish.

Shrewsbury Church,
— Chapel, Galena,
Rev. Samuel D. Hall, Rector.

Wm. Janvier.

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY.

Christ Church Parish.

Christ Church, Kent Island,
Rev. Philip D. Thompson, Rector.

Ed. C. Legg.

St. Luke's Parish.

St. Luke's Church, Church Hill,
Rev. Wm. A. Schubert, Deacon,
officiating,

G. W. Parvis, M. D.

St. Paul's Parish.

St. Paul's Church, Centreville,
Rev. Jas. A. Mitchell, Rector.

Jas. T. Earle.

List of Parishes, &c.

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QUEEN ANNE'S AND TALBOT COUNTIES.

Wye Parish

Lay Delegates.

St. Luke's Church, Queenstown,

St. Luke's Chapel, Wye,

Rev. Wm. B. Everett, M. D., Rector. R. B. Carmichael.

SOMERSET COUNTY.

Coventry Parish.

Rehoboth Church, Rehoboth,

St. Paul's Church, Annessex,

St. Mark's Church, Kingston,

St. Stephen's Church, Fairmount,

Rev. John Crosdale, D. D.,

Minister in charge.

Somerset Parish.

All Saints' Church, Monie,

St. Andrew's Church, Princess Anne,

Rev. John O. Barton, Rector.

Wm. Stewart, M. D.

Wicomico Parish.

Grace Church.

SOMERSET AND WORCESTER COUNTIES.

Pocomoke Parish.

St. Mary's Church, Newtown,

Rev. John Crosdale, D. D., Rector. S. S. McMaster.

TALBOT COUNTY.

St. Michael's Parish.

St. Michael's Church, St. Michael's,

St. John's Church, Miles River Ferry,

St. Paul's Chapel, Royal Oak,

Rev. Erastus F. Dashiell, Rector.

Geo. R. Goldsborough.

All Saints' Parish, (Provisional.)

All Saints' Church, Longwoods,

Rev. Richard Totten,

Minister in charge.

St. Peter's Parish.

Christ Church, Easton,

Chapel of the Holy Cross, Easton Point,

Rev. Robt. Wilson, M. D., Rector.

J. L. Adkins, M. D.

Church of the Holy Trinity, Oxford.

Whitemarsh Parish.

St. Peter's Church, Whitemarsh.

St. Paul's Church, Trappe,

Rev. Geo. S. Fitzhugh, Rector.

Benj. Taylor.

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WICOMICO COUNTY.

St. Matthew's Parish.

Lay Delegates.

St. Matthew's Church.

Spring Hill Parish.

St. Peter's Church,

St. Peter's Chapel, Salisbury,

St. Philip's Chapel, Quantico,

Rev. William Fulton, D. D., Rector.

Stepney Parish.

Stepney Church, Green Hill,

St. Mary's Chapel, Tyaskin.

WORCESTER COUNTY.

All Hallows' Parish.

All Hallows' Church, Snow Hill,

St. John's Church, Traptown,

Chapel of the Holy Cross, Sandy Hill,

Rev. C. H. Williamson, M. D., Rector. * G. W. Bishop.

Worcester Parish.

St. Paul's Church, Berlin,

St. Martin's Church, St. Martin,

Rev. Pierre DuGué Trapier, Rector.

In all, 33 Incorporated Parishes and Congregations (represented at the Seventh Annual Convention by 24 Lay Delegates), and 53 Churches and Chapels.

*OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES OF THE SEVENTH
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OFFICERS:

The Right Rev. HENRY CHAMPLIN LAY, D. D., LL. D.,
President.

The Rev. JAS. L. BYRAN, M. D.,
Secretary, Cambridge, Md.

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Assistant Secretary, Chestertown, Md.

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Treasurer, Easton, Md.

I. L. ADKINS, M. D.,
Treasurer Diocesan Missions Fund, Easton.

The Rev. THEO. P. BARBER,
Registrar of the Diocese, Cambridge, Md.

Standing Committee:

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Dashiell, the Rev. Robert Wilson, M. D.

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Roberts.

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Geo. R. Goldsborough, E. L. F. Hardcastle, Wm. S. Walker, Charles
Lowndes.

Committee on the State of the Church:

the Rev. Robert Wilson, the Rev. H. A. Skinner, the Rev. J. N. Wattson,
and Messrs. S. S. McMaster and H. L. Physick.

On Canons:

the Rev. Theo. P. Barber, the Rev. John Crosdale, D. D., Mr. Geo. R.
Goldsborough.

*Diocesan Convention of Easton.**Board of Diocesan Missions:*

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the Rev. E. F. Dashiell, the Rev. Jos. N. Wattson, the Rev. E. J. Stearns, D. D., the Rev. Jas. A. Mitchell.

The Board of Examiners in Theology:

the Rev. Theo. P. Barber, the Rev. E. J. Stearns, D. D., the Rev. E. F. Dashiell.

Trustees of the Clergy Relief Fund:

the Bishop (President *ex officio*), the Rev. E. F. Dashiell, the Rev. Robert Wilson, M. D., and Messrs. E. L. F. Hardcastle and John C. Earle, M. D.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with prayer.
2. This Convention shall sit for the dispatch of business, beginning with Divine service, at such hours as each Convention may determine.
3. At the opening of the session, the Convention shall be called to order by the Bishop ; or, if there be no Bishop, or he be absent, by the President of the Standing Committee, or by some member of that body appointed by those of its members who may be present.
4. The names of the Clergymen, from a list furnished by the Bishop, and if there be no Bishop, by the Standing Committee, shall then be called over by the Secretary of the last Convention, or, in his absence, by some person appointed by the Bishop or other person who called the Convention to order. The Lay Delegates shall then lay their Certificates upon the table, and subscribe the Declaration required by the Constitution. If a quorum of both orders appear, the Bishop, if present, shall announce the fact, and declare that the Convention is organized and ready for business.
5. In case of the absence of the Bishop, or of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the person who called the Convention to order shall announce that there is a quorum present. The Convention shall then proceed to elect a President, according to the seventh article of the Constitution ; who shall, so soon as his election is completed, take the chair and declare that the Convention is organized and ready for business.
6. The first business after that declaration is made, either by the Bishop or the President, shall be the election of a Secretary. The Chair may then appoint an Assistant Secretary and the Committees mentioned in the next Rule.
7. The following Committees shall be appointed by the Chair : One on Rights of Clergymen to Seats in this Convention, consisting of three clergymen ; one on Elections, to consist of three laymen, to whom the testimonials of the Lay Delegates shall be referred ; one on Accounts, to consist of three laymen ; one on Parochial Contributions and Assessments, to consist of one clergyman and four laymen ; one on the Admission of New Parishes and Congregations into union with this Convention, to consist of two clergymen and one layman ; one on the Episcopal Fund, to consist of two laymen and one clergyman ; and one on Canons and other business, to consist of two clergymen and one layman. The Chair shall also appoint all other Committees for the appointment of which no other provision is made unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.
8. Every member shall take his seat when the President takes the chair, and remain uncovered until he shall have left the Convention.
9. Every member who shall speak in any debate, shall stand up in his place and respectfully address himself to the President.

10. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the President shall decide who shall speak first.

11. No member shall speak more than twice in any debate without leave. If any member shall rise to speak more than twice on the same question without leave, the President shall call him to order. No member shall be interrupted while he is speaking in order.

12. Any member who is speaking shall take his seat when called to order by the President or any other member.

13. No member shall speak to another so as to interrupt any member who may be speaking in debate.

14. No motion shall be debated until the same shall be seconded, and, if desired by any member, reduced to writing and read by the Secretary.

15. When a motion is made and seconded, the matter of the motion shall receive a determination by the question, before any motion not privileged shall be received.

16. Privileged motions, in their order of precedence, shall be to adjourn, to postpone indefinitely, to lay on the table, to amend, and to offer a substitute; the question on the first three to be taken without debate.

17. If a question contain more parts than one, any member may have the same divided into as many questions as there are parts.

18. All questions of order shall be decided by the President; but there shall be a right of appeal to the Convention.

19. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention; and shall not be again drawn into debate during the session, except with the consent of two-thirds of the Convention.

20. No question shall be taken on any report, unless upon a motion to print or re-commit it; but Reports shall, as of course, lie upon the table. If a Committee deem any action of the Convention desirable, it shall be their duty to present in writing such Resolutions, Acts, or Canons as they may think it should adopt; which only shall be subject to the action of the Convention. Every act which divides a Parish, or in any way affects Parish Boundaries, shall distinctly set out the new boundaries which it is intended to establish. The Convention will not act upon any proposed Resolution, Act, or Canon, which is not conformed to the provisions of this rule.

21. All elections shall be by ballot, unless otherwise ordered; the votes of the clergy and laity shall be received and counted separately; but the vote shall be regarded as a joint one, and the election shall be decided by a majority of the whole number of votes taken together, unless a vote by Orders shall have been required agreeably to the fifth article of the Constitution.

22. It shall be the order of the day at 12 M. on the second day of the session of the Convention, to elect the Standing Committee and the other officers, whom it is the duty of the Convention to appoint.

23. The foregoing Rules of Order shall be deemed and considered the Rules of Order of all future Conventions, until altered or rescinded; and the same shall be published in the Journal of each Convention.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION *of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Easton*, assembled in St. Paul's Church, Centreville, on Wednesday, the second day of June, 1875, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Messrs. Bryan, Wilson, and the Rev. Mr. Smith of the Diocese of North Carolina. The Ante-communion Service was said by the Rev. Dr. Crosdale, the Rev. Mr. Walke reading the Epistle, the Rev. Mr. Barber, the Gospel.

The Convention Sermon was preached by the Rev. Theo. P. Barber, from Gal. ii., 20.

The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Crosdale, the Rev. Messrs. Dashiell, Bryan and Schubert.

Divine Service concluded, the Right Rev. the President, called the Convention to order. The Rev. Jas. L. Bryan, Secretary of the last Convention, proceeded to call the Roll of Clergy entitled to seats, from a list furnished by the Bishop, when the following answered to their names :

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop,	
The Rev. Mr. Barber,	
“ “ Barton,	
“ “ Bryan,	
“ Dr. Crosdale,	
“ Mr. Dashiell,	
“ “ Ellwood,	
“ “ Everett,	
“ “ Hall,	
“ “ Hoskins,	

The Rev. Mr. Martin,	
“ “ Mitchell,	
“ “ Roberts,	
“ “ Schubert,	
“ “ Skinner,	
“ Dr. Stearns,	
“ Mr. Walke,	
“ “ Wattson,	
“ “ Wilson.	
	= 19.

The Rev. Messrs. Perryman and Totten were also present, though not entitled to seats.

The certificates of Lay Delegates, being laid upon the Secretary's desk, the list of such Delegates was read, when the following were found to be present, viz :

Mr. Adkins,	Mr. Massey,
" Bishop,	" McMaster,
" Carmichael,	" Parvis,
" Earle,	" Physick,
" Hayward,	" Percy,
" Henry,	" Rankin,
" Hepbron,	" Stewart,
" Janvier,	" Straughn,
" Johnson,	" Walker.
" Mackall,	

= 19.

A quorum of both orders being present, the President announced that the Convention was duly organized, and that the first business in order was the election of a Secretary.

The Rev. Mr. Barton nominated the Rev. James L. Bryan, and there being no other nomination, an election by ballot was dispensed with, and the Rev. Mr. Bryan was re-elected.

The President appointed Mr. Wm. S. Walker, Assistant Secretary.

The President announced the following Committees :

On Rights of Clergymen to Seats.—The Rev. Messrs. Barton, Mitchell and Skinner.

On Elections.—Messrs. Carmichael, Earle and Hepbron.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Barber, it was

Resolved, That Clergymen and officers of this Diocese, not entitled to seats, visiting Clergymen from other Dioceses, and the Vestry of this Parish, be invited to attend the sittings of this Convention.

Whereupon the Rev. Mr. Smith, of the Diocese of North Carolina, and the Rev. Mr. Scott, of the Diocese of Maryland, and Mr. Thomas Hughlett, Treasurer of the Diocese, appeared and took seats in the Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Stearns, it was

Resolved, That the seventh Rule of Order be so amended that the Committee on Parochial Contributions shall be styled the Committee on Parochial Contributions and Assessments, and shall consist of one Clergyman and four Laymen.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Mitchell, it was

Resolved, That this Convention meet at 9½ A. M., adjourn at 2½ P. M., and meet for evening session at 8 P. M.

The President announced the following Committees :

On Accounts.—Messrs Janvier, Parvis, Biddle.

Parochial Contributions and Assessments.—The Rev. Dr. Stearns, Messrs. Massey, Mackall, Henry, Stewart.

Admission of New Parishes.—The Rev. Messrs. Martin and Hoskins, and Mr. Johnson.

On the Episcopal Fund.—The Rev. Mr. Dashiell, Messrs. Hayward and McKenney.

On Canons.—The Rev. Mr. Barber, the Rev. Dr. Crosdale, and Mr. Geo. R. Goldsborough.

On the State of the Church.—The Rev. Messrs. Wilson, Skinner and Wattson, and Messrs. McMaster and Physick.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Crosdale, the Report of the Committee on Parish Bounds was made the order of the day for the session this evening, immediately after the Bishop's Address.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Stearns, consideration of the amendment to the Constitution, approved at the last Convention, was made the order of the day for the session to-morrow morning, immediately after the election of the Standing Committee and other officers of the Convention.

Mr. Hughlett, Treasurer of the Convention, submitted his Report, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

On motion, the Convention then adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

Evening Prayer being said, by the Rev. Messrs. Hall and Wattson, the Convention was called to order by the Bishop.

The Rev. Mr. Barton, from the Committee on Rights of Clergymen to seats, reported the following list of Clergymen entitled to seats, viz. : The Rt. Rev. Henry C. Lay, D. D., the Rev. Messrs. Theo^s. P. Barber, John O. Barton, Geo. F. Beaven, Jas. L. Bryan, John Crosdale, D. D., Erastus F. Dashiell, David M. Ellwood, Wm. B. Everett, Geo. S. Fitzhugh, Wm. Fulton, D. D., Samuel

D. Hall, Sewell S. Hepbron, Jas. W. Hoskins, John Martin, Enoch R. Miller, Jas. A. Mitchell, Stephen C. Roberts, Wm. A. Shubert, Henry A. Skinner, Edward J. Stearns, D. D., Phillip D. Thompson, Jos. W. Turner, Jos. N. Wattson, Lewis Walke, Chas. H. Williamson, Robert Wilson.

Mr. Carmichael, from the *Committee on Elections*, reported the following Lay Delegates as entitled to seats, viz.: Messrs. I. L. Adkins, Geo. Biddle, Geo. W. Bishop, Richard B. Carmichael, Thos. K. Carroll, Henry S. Coudon, Jas. T. Earle, Geo. R. Goldsborough, Wm. R. Hayward, Danl. M. Henry, Jr., Sewell Hepbron, William Janvier, E. S. Johnson, Edward C. Legg, R. C. Mackall, J. P. Manlove, C. H. B. Massey, S. S. McMaster, Henry L. Physick, Algernon S. Percy, G. W. Parvis, Jas. Rankin, F. Straughn, Benjamin Taylor, William Stewart, Wm. S. Walker.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Barton, it was

Resolved, That there be a Committee appointed, with the Bishop as Chairman thereof, to consider and report such information and suggestions as will, in their judgment, have a tendency to improve the music of the sanctuary and promote the cultivation of Church Music throughout the Diocese.

The President appointed the Rev. Messrs. Barton, Skinner and Totten, as the additional members of the Committee.

The Bishop then read his Address, as follows:

ADDRESS OF THE BISHOP.

BRETHREN BELOVED IN THE LORD:

It was with no small satisfaction and gratitude that I found myself enabled, at last Easter, to address to the Diocese a letter of congratulation, announcing this fact:

OUR CLERGY LIST AT LAST IS FULL, AND EVERY VACANCY IN THE DIOCESE IS SUPPLIED.

I was careful to explain that some few parishes have been for years in a state of suspense, and that some clergymen occupy more territory than they can adequately serve. But the great mercy we acknowledge is this: Almighty God in His goodness has given us all the men we dared ask for, all the men that we are willing to provide for. In other words, we have reached the limit of our growth, until such time as our hearts shall be enlarged.

Had we the faith now, emboldened by the answer to our prayers, to ask for ten more men of God in the present, and joining alms with our prayers, the liberality to place five thousand dollars the next year in our missionary treasury, we should enter upon a career of increasing progress.

When one considers how inadequate is the ministerial supply in the Church at large, in not a few instances a solitary clergyman being set in the midst of an area as large as the whole of this diocese ; when I remember what a burden upon my heart, day and night, for some years the vacancies in the diocese have been, so that I shrank sometimes from facing the half-lamenting, half-reproaching flock without a shepherd ; when I remember how at times it seemed an impossibility ever to reach this present result, I feel that we should raise higher the standard of our ambition. Well may we resolve, bishop, priests, and laymen, to urge on the work of the diocese, until inch by inch we retrieve the heritage of our fathers, and offer the privileges of the Church to the dwellers in every portion of our territory.

Besides the growth in numbers, there are other causes of congratulation which cannot be represented in figures. I recognise in several parishes an enlarged spirit of benevolence in providing for the bodily necessities of the poor and the afflicted. The Church should always be a house of mercy : to feed the hungry and to clothe the naked is in part her vocation. It is a wholesome indication when the parson of the parish is recognised by common consent as the friend of the friendless and the resort of such as are in need. You well know that this is the first use of the Offertory at the Holy Communion : it is intended for God's poor. Pressing as are our parochial needs at times, it is plain that these offerings should not be diverted to other uses, so long as the poor of the parish require our succour.

I observe in some parishes the upgrowth of a larger solicitude for the souls of labouring men and women. I see the clergy adapting themselves to such, and giving to them personal attention. I have rejoiced to lay hands in Confirmation on not a few humble people, who were sought out for their own sakes, and who could bring little personal help or social influence with them. In one notable instance, where a layman has conveyed to his parish a property costing \$5000, the deed of conveyance most

carefully provides that the benefits shall chiefly enure to that portion of the parish, distant from his own house, where there is no wealth, and where the clergyman's work must lie almost entirely among those who make their bread by the daily work of their hands.

Oh, that the day may dawn upon us when we shall marvel at the delusion which made men ever claim any special right or privilege in the churches consecrate to God! when throughout our borders the Church shall be free to all people, so that there the rich and the poor shall meet together, and the Lord the Maker of them all!

My Brethren of the Clergy will perhaps excuse a commendation which implies a possible criticism, when I say that I have been encouraged and strengthened by the thoughtfulness, precision and earnestness which have characterized much of their public teaching to which I have listened. The *copia verborum*, the animated appeal, the fervid denunciation of sin, are not wanting in the popular religion; but men must *know* as well as feel in order to be converted, and the truth of God is the only sure foundation of a saintly life. Doctrine and manners must work together, as saith the Ordinal: "Seeing ye cannot by any other means compass the doing of so weighty a work pertaining to the salvation of man but with doctrine and exhortation taken out of the Holy Scriptures, and with a life agreeable to the same: consider how studious ye ought to be *in reading and learning the Scriptures*, and in framing the manners both of yourselves and of them that specially pertain unto you, according to the rule of said Scriptures."

The truth is, we cannot reap otherwise than as we sow. Our sermons may be sound and spiritual in their tone, but if there be not in them a sound body of wholesome doctrine, substantial nutriment for mind and soul, we shall have a starveling flock. We are all of us more or less "busy here and there" with petty cares. It needs system and resolution to maintain the habit of mental discipline. Teaching is a work much more arduous than exhortation, and so we are tempted to make up for lack of substance by mere hortatory earnestness. Let me say once more, that some of the pleasantest hours I have spent during the last year were while listening to the thorough, exhaustive, easy

exposition of some Scripture, which showed that the preacher had quarried out material for his sermon with pains, and then elaborated it in his thought, and warmed it in his heart into a thing of strength and life.

I am not disposed to dwell upon any topics of discouragement: only I may say that the Rector and Parishioners of St. James, Port Deposit, have been greatly afflicted by reason of the unexampled ice-gorge and flood of the Susquehanna River, and the impoverishment and sickness consequent thereon. These difficulties have hindered me from holding any confirmation in that congregation.

CONSECRATION.

Upon the 30th day of April, I consecrated to the service of Almighty God the new Church of the Holy Trinity, at Greensborough, in the Parish of St. John's, Caroline county.

Fifteen of the Clergy and some two hundred laymen from the neighbouring parishes were in attendance on this festive occasion, rejoicing with Christian sympathy in the success which has crowned the endeavours of a few faithful laymen.

A comfortable chapel has also been erected in Galena, Shrewsbury Parish, and is now in use.

CLERGY LIST.

There has been but one ordination. On Thursday, the 18th of February, in Christ Church, Cambridge, the Rev. D. M. Ellwood was advanced to the priesthood, several presbyters assisting in the laying on of hands.

I note with peculiar satisfaction that during the past year no clergyman has applied to me for letters dimissory. The Diocese is now officered by a staff of clergymen for whom it may well be devoutly thankful. I can never hope to be surrounded by fellow-labourers who can better deserve my confidence. I suppose that in this country of unrest, and in a diocese of so inadequate resources, some changes must of necessity occur; and yet, could we but continue as we are for a few years, the stability of the Diocese would be materially enhanced.

Two changes have occurred within the Diocese: the Rev. J. N. Wattson having exchanged the Rectorship of Christ Church Parish for that of North Kent, and the Rev. George S. Fitzhugh

having exchanged the Rectorship of Worcester Parish for that of Whitmarsh.

The following Clergymen have been received into the Diocese by letters dimissory :

The Rev. Sewell S. Hepburn, Rector of St. Paul's, Kent, and I. U. Parishes, from the Bishop of Virginia ;

The Rev. William A. Schubert, Deacon, Missionary at Church Hill, from the Miss. Bishop of Niobrara ;

The Rev. Enoch K. Miller, Rector of North Elk Parish, from the Standing Committee of Wisconsin ;

The Rev. Philip D. Thompson, Rector of Christ Church Parish, Kent Island, from the Bishop of North Carolina ;

The Rev. P. Du Gué Trapier, Rector of Worcester Parish, from the Bishop of Maryland ; and

The Rev. Richard Totten, Missionary at All Saints' Church, Talbot county, from the Bishop of Indiana.

Concerning this last, the Convention will remember that its consent has been given to the formation of a new Parish of All Saints, by the division of St. Michael's. This arrangement has not been perfected. In the interim, by consent of the Bishop and of the Rector, the congregation of All Saints has a provisional organization, until such time as it can determine upon its policy and come into canonical union with the Convention.

DIOCESAN OFFICERS.

I have confirmed the nominations made to me by the several Convocations, as follows :

Rev. John Crosdale, D. D., Dean of the Southern Convocation ;

The Rev. T. P. Barber, Dean of the Middle Convocation ; and

The Rev. Lewis Walke, Dean of the Northern Convocation.

I re-appoint as Examining Chaplains the Rev. T. P. Barber, the Rev. E. J. Stearns, D. D., and the Rev. E. F. Dashiell.

MATTERS OF ADMINISTRATION.

Under this head I desire to place on record the particulars of some transactions in which I have had a share.

I have in my possession a bank-book of the Eutaw Savings Bank to the credit of Green Hill Church, subject to my order, showing a balance, with interest not yet credited in full, of \$65

to \$70. This was transferred to me by the Rev. Dr. Lewin, by whom the subscription was procured. I propose, whenever Stepney Parish shall be revived, to apply it as may seem best, on consultation with the vestry.

Upon occasion of the consecration of All Saints' Church, the action necessary for parochial incorporation not having been perfected, a deed bearing date October 31st, 1873, for thirty acres of land, including the site of the church edifice, was executed by William Goldsborough and others to me and to my successors in office. The authority to hold the same was duly granted by an Act of the Legislature of Maryland.

The church, never completed, at Oxford, stands in a lot of three acres of ground, given somewhere about the year 1852 by Mrs. Anna M. Chamberlaine. At or about the same time an informal exchange of ground was made with the owners of land adjoining, in order to rectify boundaries. No title ever passed in either case.

The present owners of the estate, Dr. Joseph E. M. Chamberlaine and wife, very kindly consented to convey a title, and have executed a deed bearing date September 14th, 1874, conveying the property to me and my successors in office.

A deed of exchange of the same date was thereupon executed by myself, and by Thomas B. and Charles F. Stewart, to ensure the rectification of boundaries alluded to. These deeds have been duly recorded in the Land Office of Talbot county, and I now place them in the custody of the Registrar of the Diocese.

In the Parish of North Kent a rectory was undertaken a few years since, but not completed. In the effort to revive the parish under the new rector, it was important to finish this building, and the necessary funds were offered on favourable terms by one whom I will not name, who has set his heart upon building up the parish.

It appeared that, without my knowledge, the conveyance of the ground was made to the Bishop of the Diocese and to the Vestry jointly; and thus I was asked to join in a mortgage upon the rectory to secure the sum of \$1200, necessary not only to make it available for use, but even to preserve it from rapid decay.

So much land has been lost to the Church in times past, that I was reluctant to encumber any possession now held; but the necessity of the case was so obvious that I could not refuse. I

hold the written pledge of six responsible men among the parishioners to meet the interest year by year ; and I have further the moral guarantee of their desire and determination to pay the principal should their farms, which, valuable as they are, have produced very little for the last two years, once more reward their labours with an average harvest.

In this connection let me say that in all cases where land is given to the Church, I advise that the title be made to the vestry. The lands now standing in my name will be so conveyed, if it be lawful so to do, whenever there is a vestry able to hold them. But wherever my advice can have any influence, I will not fail to urge, as a safeguard in addition to those contained in Section xxix. of the Vestry Act, that a provision shall be inserted in every conveyance of land to the Church, requiring absolutely the consent of the Bishop for the time being, previous to any sale, encumbrance or transfer of any of the estates or property in the possession of the Church.

Under authority of Canon xix. of the Diocese, I have called upon the Rev. Messrs. Wattson, Walke, and Skinner, at their own request, to provide a service once a fortnight in St. Augustine's Church, assigning also to the Dean of the Northern Convocation the spiritual oversight of the vacant parish.

CANONICAL NOTICES.

Notices of deposition from the sacred ministry have been received as follows : James D. Gibson, by the Bishop of Alabama ; George O. Eddy, Deacon, by the Bishop of Albany ; Lucius G. Weaver, by the Bishop of Central New York ; Joseph H. McEl Rey, Deacon, by the Bishop of Central Pennsylvania ; John C. Fitnam, by the Miss. Bishop of Colorado ; Benjamin Johnson, by the Bishop of Georgia ; Warren N. Dunham, by the Bishop of Indiana ; James Calcott Pratt, Deacon, by the Bishop of Kansas ; Joseph S. Malone, by the Bishop of Kentucky ; Thomas J. McFaddin, Deacon, by the Bishop of Long Island ; Samuel H. Meade, by the Bishop of Massachusetts ; Arthur E. Hill, by the Miss. Bishop of Northern California ; William R. Nicholson, D. D., by the Bishop of Kentucky, acting by request, in the Diocese of Northern New Jersey ; Wm. S. Perkins, Alexander Fullerton, and Walter Windeyer, by the Bishop of Pennsylvania ;

Joseph D. Wilson, by the Bishop of Pittsburg ; Thomas A. Robertson, by the Bishop of Tennessee ; James A. Latané, James H. McMechin, and M. T. McCormick, by the Bishop of Virginia.

I have also received notice from the Bishop of South Carolina, of the deposition and subsequent restoration of a clergyman who was betrayed into a hasty resignation of his holy office, but immediately saw his error and hastened to repair it.

I have given my official consent to the consecration of the following Bishops :

The Rt. Rev. Thomas U. Dudley, D. D., Assistant Bishop of Kentucky ;

“ “ John A. Scarborough, D. D., Bishop of New Jersey ;

“ “ George D. Gillespie, D. D., Bishop of Western Michigan ; and

“ “ Thomas A. Jaggar, D. D., Bishop of Southern Ohio.

I submit herewith, for the information of the Convention, certain proposed changes in the Constitution, recommended by the General Convention of 1874.

CONFIRMATIONS.

Confirmations have been held in twenty-three parishes, as follows :

Caroline County, St. John's,	6
Cecil County, Augustine,	1
“ “ North Elk,	15
“ “ North Sassafras,	8
“ “ Trinity,	10
Dorchester County, Dorchester,	4
“ “ Great Choptank,	1
Kent County, Chester,	9
“ “ I. U.,	2
“ “ North Kent,	10
“ “ St. Paul's,	4
“ “ Shrewsbury,	14
Queen Anne's County, St. Luke's,	4
“ “ St. Paul's,	10
“ “ Wye,	6
Somerset County, Coventry,	1
“ “ Somerset,	16

Talbot County, St. Michael's,	10
“ “ St. Peter's,	7
“ “ Whitemarsh,	9
Wicomico County, Spring Hill,	15
Worcester County, Pocomoke,	6
“ “ All Hallows,	7
One hundred and seventy-five in all.	

SUMMARY.

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Of late years the mind of the Church in this country, and much more of the Church in England, has been stirred by the desire to extend the influences of our holy religion to all sorts and conditions of men. Strenuous efforts have been made to reach men who have seemed inaccessible in the ordinary course of parochial administration, and some ingenuity of device has been displayed in bringing wanderers within the sound of the Gospel, and in impressing them when attention has been won.

This interest has not been peculiar to any one school of opinion in the Church. Indeed, in the enthusiasm of zeal, methods have been occasionally resorted to which seem little in consonance with the general views of those who use them. The minds of many in this Diocese are exercised upon the subject. It is intensely practical ; it obtrudes itself upon our notice every day. I desire, therefore, to say something to you about the relations and the comparative merits of

THE REVIVAL—THE PARISH AND THE MISSION.

The Mission, in the special use of the term now prevalent, is in brief, an effort to supplement the staid and sober machinery of the Parish by cautiously introducing from time to time certain features of the Revival.

I think this is a fair definition ; and in my view it is not an odious one. We live in an age of invention, and to cultivate the inventive faculty is a high duty of Christ's people. There is a large department where man's inventions have no place. I need not dwell upon this point. I believe this Diocese will unani-

mously and indignantly protest against any tampering with the faith, the doctrine, the discipline, or the prescribed ritual of the Church.

But still, in our Church work there is room and there is need for invention of methods and appliances. It is, holding principles fast and scrupulously observing the law, to become "all things to all men, if by all means we can save some." We see new life and vigour oftentimes infused into a congregation by the exchange of a routine clergyman for one, not less discreet and law-abiding, but more fruitful in resource to rouse the interest of the people, and more ingenious in devices to bring them together and to make them work in harmony. It requires no small ingenuity to provide for our people enough specific Christian work to keep their religious activities in healthful exercise. Without it, there is a mournful tendency to settle on our lees.

We need not be shocked either at the suggestion that something can be borrowed from the Revival. The Church is not conservative in the sense of never accommodating herself to the circumstances which surround her, never appropriating the methods devised by men of special gifts. In our Hymnal, the songs of Ken and Heber and Keble stand side by side with those of Doddridge, Wesley, and Newman. Why need we fear to borrow and appropriate in things variable and prudential, ideas about finance, administration, and the dispensing of spiritual gifts which others have used effectively? And yet there is great need of exercising a sober judgment. We must not disparage what we have because it is not absolutely perfect; for when we come to know thoroughly that with which we compare it, we are likely to find that, together with one marked excellence, that other system has very grievous defects.

Now, touching the Revival: it has been *par excellence* the American religion. In its time, under the burning eloquence of Jonathan Edwards, it shook all New England to its centre, and the response to his exhortation was often an outcry of horror and dismay.

We have seen it in some of the new States, sweeping like a tornado, carrying all before it, and bending under its blast transgressors as obstinate as the sturdy oaks in the forest. We see it at work all around us, in the protracted meeting of winter even-

ings, in the gatherings under the canopy of the trees when the heat of mid-summer suspends the labour of the husbandmen. We have every facility for knowing it in its methods and in its results. I suppose we have all arrived at nearly the same conclusion. The Revival has marked elements of power, and equally marked elements of weakness. Wherein consists its power? I may here avail myself of the sound judgment of my clerical brethren, by whose suggestions I am so often benefitted.

At one of our Convocation meetings, after a Revival season of special interest, I called upon several of the clergy who had been in the midst of it, to answer this question: "What special element in the Revival seemed to you most effective?" The replies were various: one suggested that it illustrated to his mind the value of united and unintermitted effort; a second, the power that inheres in direct personal appeal to the individual man; the third, the efficacy of experimental preaching confined to the great vital truths which cluster nearest to the cross of Christ, and to the four last things, Death, Judgment, Hell, and Heaven. Add to these one other element, the animation of stirring and united sacred song, and the analysis seems to be complete. We may express these elements briefly by the terms, concentration of effort, personality of application, simplicity in preaching, fervour in worship.

None will dispute the value of combined and concentrated efforts to win erring men to Christ. Advent and Lent bear witness that the Church is not indifferent to them. The Parish Priest may be the model of assiduity and earnestness, and the work of evangelizing men may be prosecuted steadily and evenly all the year long, and yet, provided there be no relaxation of the routine labour, no surrender of the uniform for the occasional, it cannot be otherwise than beneficial for clergy and people to give themselves specially, at certain times, to prayer and effort for the unconverted. It is undoubtedly a good thing for two or three of the clergy to unite their forces in teaching and exhortation. The familiar doctrine gains a readier admittance to the mind in the new dress of a stranger's sermon, or is driven in deeper by the iteration of sermons following one upon another.

It is in the second element mentioned that the strength of the Revival seems mainly to consist, in the access it wins to the in-

dividual man ; in the obtrusion upon him, for himself and by himself, of the blessed offer of mercy ; in the gathering around him of Christian sympathy and tender solicitude.

For a general proclamation of mercy will not suffice ; the message must be individualized, the sinner must be sought. Somehow or other we must get our hand upon the restive sheep. This is a work requiring courage and nerve, tact and delicacy ; but it must be done. The best clergyman, after all, is he who has learned the holy art of addressing himself to the individual conscience without shocking the man's delicacy or wounding his self-respect. I do not depreciate sermons ; but the work cannot be done by sermons alone. Besides feeding the flock as a flock, the lame and the sick must be approached, and soothed and quieted, until each will endure the treatment which his infirmity requires.

I remember in my early ministry to have desired earnestly to convey a certain truth, and the duty connected therewith, to an intelligent but aged man who was on his way to confirmation. I elaborated my sermon with the utmost pains ; he sat almost in the front pew, seemingly attentive, and I preached that sermon right to him with all the energy I could command.

Some days after he visited me casually in my study ; the opportunity was propitious, and I went over identically the same ground traversed the Sunday before. He became profoundly interested, and discussed the theme with no small animation. When he came to take his leave, he turned at the door, and with some diffidence, begging pardon for the suggestion, asked me, in view of the importance of the subject, *why I had never preached about it!* That incident made a profound impression upon me. I saw that we must never take for granted the adequacy of public teaching alone. We must carry to the individual the portion that he needs.

And more than this : there are all around us human hearts discouraged by reason of the way, sin-sick and despairing, hungry for a crumb of comfort and faint for a drop of living sympathy, whose lips are locked fast with shame or diffidence, who live and die without a demonstration of need, if no one goes after them. And yet a gentle sympathising word in private, unseals the fountain of their grief, and lets in upon their darkness the ray of

peace and comfort. Great is the power of religious efforts directed to individuals as well as masses. Fishers of men, while we use the seine we must not despise the hook and the landing net.

I need not dwell upon the value of the third element mentioned, simple and forcible Gospel preaching, freed from the abstractions and generalizations which so often find their way into the pulpit ; but touching the fourth, I would ask what would the Revival be without music, without congregational music ? It at once solicits devout emotion and affords to it the most adequate expression. The roar of the tide of song covers up all untuneful dissonance, and makes harmony out of discord. What Revival could endure the oppressiveness of a quartette choir ? See also the value of old things and of forms of devotion. No extemporal wit or zeal could sustain the religious fervour without the old, familiar, prescript, formalized liturgy of the Hymn-Book. Men who must make new prayers for the occasion, would expel the intruder who should bring in an extempore song of praise.

We may fairly then attribute value to the Revival system. It has reached spiritual outlaws, so to speak ; it has extended the area of Christian knowledge and conviction ; it has carried a religious influence into places ordinarily inaccessible ; it has been the means of winning large numbers of people to better thoughts, and a portion of these have been led on to true repentance and reformation.

So much has it accomplished, that however one dares not actively favour it or co-operate with it for reasons presently to be suggested, yet I can say in all sincerity, God forbid that I should shake any man's confidence in his Revival, unless he is so accessible that I can offer him something better in its stead.

The defects of the Revival system, defects fatal to it as I conceive as a system adequate to the needs of a dying world, I would exhibit with moderation. If the subject did not obtrude itself within the range of our own practical duty, I should have little temptation to discuss it. I claim, however, that the field of this inquiry is fair ground for discussion among all who are set to win souls for Christ.

The chief deficiency in the Revival is its incapacity to supply the necessary doctrinal foundation whereon to erect the superstructure of an intelligent piety.

The Gospel of Jesus delights to call itself the truth of God. It addresses itself primarily to our intelligence, and afterwards to our affections. It is the Truth that sanctifies: the Truth that makes us free. There is no such thing as a Christian faith without Christian knowledge. True, a mere modicum of knowledge is adequate oftentimes to serve as the support of a real faith. But in proportion as knowledge is meagre, faith is dwarfed.

The Apostles were teachers first, exhorters afterward. By manifestation of the truth they commended themselves to the consciences of men. They were wont to open the Scriptures, to expound the Scriptures, to teach, and even to dispute. Our Lord Himself makes the knowledge of the Trinity the great requisite of His religion, and enjoined besides preaching,—the public proclamation,—teaching which is the more systematic indoctrination.

Now teaching is a work of pains, of serenity and of degrees. If religious effort be crowded into a few days or weeks of fatigue and excitement and publicity, there can be no calm and connected teaching.

When the Revival system was first introduced, it found no small good material to work upon: people that under another system had learned their catechism, at least. But it has no such nursery of its own, and consequently its converts too often are invited to a public profession of religion without any accurate notion whatever of its leading truths. The popular misconception concerning the Persons and Offices of the Three Persons of the Ever-blessed Trinity is simply immense. Let any one converse with the average class of his neighbours, and he will be surprised to find how far their notions of the Holy Ghost fall short of attributing to Him Personality and Divinity. It has never occurred to them to address a prayer directly to Him, or to offer Him any such act of homage as they offer to the Father or to the Son. And there grows out of this ignorance of the Personality of the Holy Ghost, and His mission in time as the Church's Comforter, an utter incapacity to understand the meaning and use of the Holy Sacraments: they come to the Holy Table, seeing only the bread and the wine, not discerning the Lord's Body present by the sanctifying power of the Holy Ghost. For this cause many are

weak and sickly among us, and with unbounded exhortations the people perish for lack of knowledge.

Nay, knowledge is actually depreciated. "Dictionary men" are in some places disparaged; and in the absence of knowledge, poor blinded men fall back in vain confidence on a mistaken inward illumination. The day will come when the surge of destructive theology will obtrude even into these quiet counties of ours; and I am appalled at the thought of what havoc of orthodoxy may one day be wrought by some emissary of rationalism, among a generation who have so little acquaintance with the simple definitions even of the faith, and with the grounds on which it rests.

As of doctrine, so also of morals: there is little room or time for either in the Revival. It almost necessarily leaves the test of morals out of the question in determining the sincerity of conversion.

The old-fashioned exhortation to repentance would not content itself with impressing on a man a vague and general impression of his guilt and danger. It would remand him to particulars. It would bid him calmly and thoughtfully to review his life, and all his life, in the light of God's commandments. It would not accept a mere outcry for mercy. No; wherever you have offended in thought, word, or deed, there confess yourself, and there promise amendment. Confession must be particular, of all the things done amiss, mentioned severally, one by one; and reformation must cover particulars, all the particulars, as of pride, envy, sensuality, and the like.

Nay, where reparation is due, conversion without reparation is a mournful hypocrisy or self-deceit. We know as a matter of fact that men do often wrong their neighbours; there are in every community wrongs and injustices that ought to be repaired. It is a dreadful thing when men, on whom such guilt certainly lies, profess to make their peace with God, while it enters not into their minds, by restitution, satisfaction and forgiveness to make their peace with men.

The Revival, by the very necessities of the case, accepts the assurance of the present disposition, and cannot deal with the moral necessities of the individual penitent.

Neither can we acquit the Revival of grave offences against

sobriety, reverence, and the delicacy of a just Christian sensitiveness. Too often it leads to a confusion like that which St. Paul rebuked in Corinth, an individualism in the exercise of gifts ; psalm and prayer and exhortation going on at the same time ; while the music, instead of being an act of praise intelligently addressed to God, is a sort of cover under which other things are done. To make a pretense of a hymn while something else is going on is always irreverent.

I am glad to know, that as the community grows in intelligence these evils are recognised and restrained by the friends of revivals ; but irreverence in a large measure must abide where, instead of keeping the spirit of the prophets subject to the prophets, men are encouraged to that religious *abandon* which is supposed to be the truest spirituality.

Much consideration is due to the delicacy of our spiritual nature. An unnecessary display of the heart's secret hopes and fears is as repugnant to a sensitive mind as physical exposure itself. The man who, when he is aroused in the morning, is conscious in his first awakening thought that in the excitement of the evening before he has made an absurd or immodest exhibition of the holiest recess in his heart, has sustained a real injury. It is not in the public assembly, and in the presence of the curious, that the new-born babe in Christ should utter his first cries of distress, and seek to exercise the new-found powers of life.

As growing out of these causes, the Revival has failed to satisfy thoughtful men so far as concerns the permanence of its results. The profession made under its influence is at the moment oftenest impassioned and sincere. It is not made reverently, discreetly, advisedly, and in the fear of God. In time of temptation it withers away. The average of relapsse into sin, is something fearful to think of. I suppose my observation accords with yours : it is no uncharity to use our eyes and our common sense. I remember when I was a deacon ministering to a little flock, there came a time — men said it was a Pentecostal time. For weeks and months religion occupied all tongues and engrossed the best hours of the day. Business was almost at a stand ; the schools abandoned all serious study ; the whole of our little world seemed to have gone out after Christ. All the Christian

people banded together in public services, save one little company, who asked only to be allowed to hold their peace and abide in patience. Alas! discord in the end succeeded to fraternal communing; the tide of worldliness rushed back into its old bed; in six months the convert-roll was a blot, and not a sign or trace could I see of the mighty stir that had prevailed among us. It seemed to me in after years, that the Revival finds its type in the mighty rivers of the West: at times, and at uncertain times, moreover, a magnificent, irresistible flood, which it is simply useless to withstand; but in all the long, dry summer-time, a narrow channel only left, which came, not from mountain torrents, but accepted its moderate life from the homely springs, the little brooks and rills, which knew no intermittence and excited no admiration.

But chiefly must those who acknowledge the great principles of organic unity and historic continuousness as the law of the Church's life, stand aloof from any methods which supercede the divinely instituted arrangements appointed for the salvation of the race. The early Christians, upon their conversion, came under a yoke of discipline: in doctrine and fellowship, in sacraments and liturgy, they accepted what St. Paul calls the traditions of Apostolic authority. We dare not do otherwise than inquire for the old paths and walk therein. Our citizenship in the Church is not an accident of our being; it envelopes all our life, it asserts its right to our loyal obedience in church and in the private dwelling, and its uniform cannot be donned and doffed at pleasure.

I do not think one can study the Collect for Trinity Sunday for instance, without observing that the Church is profoundly impressed with the sense of a responsibility which extends far beyond the saving of the men of any one generation. We hear in that Collect the hard breathing of a combatant gasping out: 'Thank God we have been able to keep the faith: pray God we may never lose it! Yes, we must save souls in the present; but we must save the faith and the doctrine and the discipline unimpaired, that therewith the souls of the generations yet unborn may also be saved. The Revival as a system has led to disruption of unity, to disrespect for the authoritative element in religion, to an excess of personal liberty which makes all ecclesiastical subordination a matter of voluntary election.

I have heard that during the sorrowful years of our civil war a certain officer had orders to occupy a given position and hold it until further orders. While standing inactive, a column of the enemy presented itself temptingly. The officer charged, routed the foe, and returned with prisoners and spoil, but only to hear the bugle sound the retreat. His gallant dash had utterly marred the plan of battle ; in the moment when he was needed, his absence left a gap which there was none to fill.

And so, while we lend the tribute of our sympathy and admiration to the heroic deeds of religious leaders who erect banners of their own, and while we respect the genuine enthusiasm of their followers, we can but mourn that their good deeds are scarcely compensated by the relaxation of all discipline and the severing of the grand army into segregated fractions.

We cannot then, we dare not accept the Revival as the proper agency for accomplishing the work given us to do. But may we not borrow the good, eliminating the evil, and so supplement the deficiencies of the parochial system ?

Before answering this question, let us consider what this parochial system is, and whether the straitness of which we complain lies in it or in ourselves.

The most marked contrast between the two systems lies in the comparative estimate of the Christian ministry. The Parochial system recognizes the pastoral function as the true description of the man of God : preaching is a special duty, but not the distinctive feature.

We dare not say that the parish is of Apostolic institution. In early days the Bishop had his chair, and the elders their seats around him. In theory the pastorate inhered to the Bishop, and its duties were delegated to presbyters, who went forth and returned again. The Parish was then the equivalent of what we now call the Diocese. We can well understand the reasons which led the Western Church to change this system, so that each Presbyter has a *locus standi*, and is entrusted in general subordination to the Diocesan with a more direct, local administration of things spiritual.

I consider that this Parochial system is a valuable heritage from our fathers. Each parish priest among you has a definite responsibility. You must do good to all men as you have oppor-

tunity, but here is a definite flock committed to your charge; yours is a cure of souls, and that ordinarily within defined metes and bounds. You know where your work lies: your care and your diligence are due to every soul within these bounds accessible to you; and the measure of your duty is to bring every such soul to such ripeness and perfectness of age in Christ that no place shall be left either for error in religion or for viciousness in life.

Your rights are as clearly defined as your responsibilities, the one being the measure of the other. You have a right to teach your people, and no one of your own order may presume to teach them without your permission. You have a right to minister counsel and admonition in private as well as public, and none has the right to resent your approach to his individual conscience, provided you observe the humility of a Christian and the courtesy that befits a gentleman. You have a right to require children to be brought to you for instruction; the right to order your ceremonial, conforming always to the law of the Church, so as to ensure decency and reverence. You have the right, using the assistance of persons skilled in music, to control and direct the service of sacred song. You have the right to require suitable preparation of your candidates for Confirmation, to compose quarrels among your communicants, to require amendment of morals, and to discipline obstinate offenders.

All these rights are indisputably secured to you by the Ordinal, the Rubric, and the Code. And they need none of them be obsolete, unless you choose that they shall be so. Before, then, we undertake to supplement deficiencies, let us be sure that we have duly weighed what is already in our possession.

Of the four valuable elements which I have conceded to the Revival, three are certainly at our command. We can make our ministry as personal and individual as we please. If we have the nerve, the industry, and the love for souls, there is absolutely nothing to hinder us, after that like heralds we have in the church made the proclamation of peace, from making a personal tender of pardon to the same people man by man.

There is nothing to hinder us from the plain, downright, familiar mode of sermonizing which is the merit of the Revival. There is no law that binds us to read a theological essay or to deliver a flowery oration. To be sure, we must be thoughtful

and devout. We cannot, indeed, say anything unless we have something to say ; nor say anything aright unless the heart is full of it. But we can, if we will break through the conventionalities of the pulpit, and dig our sermons out of the mine of Scripture, and fuse our material in the crucible of a prayerful mind.

In these two things we are straitened in ourselves ; we do not need the excuse or the incitement of the Revival to approach individuals or to preach Gospel sermons. And so also of a fervid service. If we put our minds upon it, if we insist with a positiveness that will take no refusal, we can restore the service of song to the whole congregation, and it shall be well seen, O God, how thou goest : how thou, my God and King, goest in the sanctuary.

I spoke of certain deficiencies in the Revival as in doctrine, in morals, in reverence, in permanence of result. Like deficiencies are found under the Parochial system, but they are not inherent in it, nay, they are contrary to its design. It is in our power to require of every adult who asks baptism, of every adult or child who desires confirmation, an accurate knowledge of the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments, at the least : and although this, in the Church's estimation, be the very minimum of knowledge to be accepted, yet, believe me, it would be a great blessing to the multitude in our land if they knew these principles, the *Credenda, Precanda, Agenda* of our holy religion.

The Parish minister has an opportunity of insisting on obedience to the law of God as the one reliable proof that a man has the Spirit of God. We know the persons we are dealing with, and they cannot readily deceive us. We can select our methods of approach, choosing the *mollia tempora fandi*. We can use advice and influence, often more potential for good than words spoken by authority. The whole sentiment as well as the law of the Church favours reverence, sobriety and delicacy : and working on these principles, diligently but not hurriedly, earnestly rather than excitedly, we can give coherence and permanence to our labour. And when one adds to this the singular helpfulness of the Prayer-Book with its holy seasons, its fruitful suggestions ; the stimulus imparted by Episcopal oversight and visitation, the definiteness of instruction and exhortation promoted by the call

to Confirmation, surely it must appear that our apparatus is not to be spoken of lightly.

Who among us, I ask, has made full proof of the influences and appliances already at his command? Let a man say to himself I am a steward: and it is required of stewards that a man be found faithful: I have no choice in this matter; I must be faithful to my vow and my commission, whether men hear or whether they will forbear: let him take the Ordinal for his guide, and scrupulously feed and rule the flock as is there appointed, and it may well be doubted whether his complaint of deficiency and inflexibility in the pastoral system would not be wonderfully modified. We do not come up to the fulness of our Pastorate. It is a much harder task to approach a shy man and solicit his religious confidence, than to preach a brilliant exhortation to flee from the wrath to come: but many a soul will attest, that the word spoken in season, how good is it!

There remain two *desiderata* in our ministerial work to which I am disposed to give a measure of consideration. Combination of effort is one of them. There is power in such concentration. To promote it has been one of the chief ends in our Convocation arrangements for several years past. I am sure that our communings together, and our expositions one following another of holy themes or suggestive parables, have been most useful to the people and of real benefit to ourselves. Each man returns to his home refreshed by sympathy and with some new thoughts, while the rust has been shaken from familiar ones. This matter is entirely in our own discretion; it is in nowise in conflict with our regular work, and the Clergy have it in their power to combine from time to time and try the virtue of concerted effort. I do advise that we shall more and more unite in religious efforts.

The *crux* at last, however, is the problem of reaching the masses, of alluring within our reach the profligate, the profane, the careless, who are not in the habit of entering a place of public worship, and to whom ordinarily the minister has no means of approach. To reconcile with our Parish system, and to engraft upon it this most needful result, is the design of the "Mission" in its present acceptation. This end is sought to be attained by appointing special and continuous services; by soliciting public attention to them in every way, and by a method

of teaching and worship specially adapted to the class of persons whom we seek to win.

I have much desired to be present at a well-organized Mission, and to observe its working, but no such opportunity has been afforded me. One carefully planned experiment has been made in this Diocese with my consent and approbation, but I am not prepared to strike the balance of its results. If the necessary means could be provided, I should be glad to have the experiment renewed under the auspices of a discreet and trained "Missioner."

With so much to learn, it would not be fitting for me to speak too positively or particularly about the methods in question; but the Clergy in some instances have sought to elicit my opinion, and to this they are entitled.

There is a wretchedness to be relieved. There are men just around our churches who for any interest shown for their salvation might as well be in the heart of Africa. We are debtors to them; and zealously as I would guard against any encroachment upon the order of the Church and the stability of Parish organization, I do give my hearty sanction to specific efforts which the clergy may undertake in this behalf, but on certain conditions and under certain limitations.

1. Loyalty and brotherhood should pervade every such undertaking. I think that every clergyman owes it to me to advise with me in a matter of so much delicacy, and to yield to my judgment in anything that may seem to be outside of law and precedent; and he owes it to his brethren and to the harmony of the Diocese to introduce nothing that may seem extravagant or unsafe.

2. While several may assist, it seems necessary that one person should assume the guidance of the Mission from beginning to end, taking the full responsibility, and clothed for the time with the supreme direction.

3. Instruction should be the staple of the Mission, with exhortation growing out of it, with every care not to allow the service to degenerate into an unmeaning excitement.

4. The services may be selected services out of the Prayer-Book or the Bible, the Canonical services being said also, if possible, at suitable hours. After careful thought, I must record my

disapproval of prayers other than those in the Prayer-Book, whether in the service or the after-meeting.

5. This after-meeting is, by general consent, declared to be the most valuable feature in the Mission. I conjecture that it is the most difficult of all to secure and to guide. So important is it to use personal intercourse that I would encourage the clergy, with discreet lay-helpers, to converse with individuals quietly and modestly, either in the meeting or in the private house, as opportunity may serve.

6. It should be urged with emphasis, that the Mission cannot take the place of the Pastorate. It does not pretend to complete anything, but only drafts men as raw recruits, who must consent to be taught, examined and advised as is required of all other catechumens.

Such is my judgment, as I am at present advised. Perhaps if all of us, the lay people especially, could bring ourselves to love, heartily to love poor people, to covet them in our congregations as we covet those who are respectable and well-to-do, the difficulties would vanish, and the problem of the "the Gospel and the Masses" would resolve itself.

In conclusion, we are now, Brethren beloved, to address ourselves to our duty as the Legislature of the Diocese of Easton. More of the clergy than usual are absent, by reason of providential causes; but, on the other hand, I am glad to learn from the Secretary that of the lay-delegates elected to this Convention, all save two, physicians actively employed, answer to their names.

It is not to be regretted that some have thought our proceedings deficient in that excitement which comes from animated debates on theological themes. Our duty is a practical one: to watch for the specific interests entrusted to our charge.

We may hold sweet communion together, and come to the house of God in company; we may confer upon the mercies of the past and the hopes of the future; we may provide such legislation as the circumstances of the Diocese demand.

But chiefly would I invite any suggestions which may kindle our zeal and animate our love; which may bear upon the development of our resources, and the building up of our waste places. Your Bishop is ever scheming, contriving, advising. Think not that he would monopolize these offices. If any have any good

thought in their hearts, any just criticisms, any suggestions whereby the work we have in common may be promoted, men and brethren, say on.

May the Gracious One be present with us according to His most true promise, guarding us that we neither err in judgment, nor be wanting in fervid zeal !

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Barber, the proposed Amendment to the Constitution, approved by the General Convention, was referred to the Committee on Canons.

The order of the day being called, the Rev. Dr. Crosdale, from the Committee on Parish Bounds, submitted the report of that Committee ; and, on his motion, the bounds of the following Parishes, as recorded in the Journal of Convention for 1874, were adopted, viz :

North Sassafras, Augustine, St. James' (Port Deposit), North Kent, St. Paul's (Queen Anne's), St. Luke's, Christ Church, Wye, St. Peter's, White-marsh, St. Michael's, Dorchester, Great Choptank, Vienna, East New Market, Stepney, St. Matthew's, Wicomico, Coventry, Pocomoke, Worcester, All Hallows, Spring Hill.

On motion of the same, certain typographical errors in the bounds of the following Parishes were corrected :

Trinity Parish, Shrewsbury, Somerset, St. Paul's (Kent), I. U., North Elk, or St. Mary Anne's.

On motion of the same, the report of the bounds of St. John's Parish were amended as follows :

CAROLINE COUNTY.

St. John's Parish.

On line 15, page 77, after "Choptank River," strike out "thence with said river to the Delaware line," and insert "thence with said river northerly to the mouth of Medford's (or Driver's) Mill Stream, otherwise called Spring Branch, which constitutes the division line between the second and third elective districts of Caroline County, thence with said stream easterly to the head thereof, thence in a straight line easterly to the Delaware line."

On motion of the same, the report of the bounds of St. Mary's Whitechapel Parish, is amended as follows :

St. Mary's Whitechapel Parish.

Same page, line 10, after "Mill Stream," insert "otherwise called Spring Branch."

On motion of the same, the following was adopted as a substitute for the section defining the bounds of Chester Parish :

Chester Parish.

Beginning at a point which intersects the third and fourth elective districts of Kent County on the main road leading from Worton Creek to Chestertown, near the residence of Thomas C. Parsons, and thence by a due east course until it intersects Shrewsbury Parish at Chester River, and thence by and with said river to the mouth of Muddy Creek, thence up said creek to its head, thence by a straight line to the head of Bloody Bridge Branch, thence by and with said branch until it issues into Fanning's Branch, thence up said branch to its head, thence up a valley in James McLean's (now John R. Gray's) plantation to the main county road, and thence by and with said road to the place of beginning.

Whereupon, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Crosdale, the Convention adopted finally, "An act to define the boundaries of the Parishes in the Diocese of Easton." (Appendix A.)

The Rev. Dr. Stearns, from the Committee on Parochial Contributions and Assessments, submitted a report readjusting the assessments on Parishes.

The Rev. Mr. Skinner moved that the report be made the order of the day to-morrow morning, after reading the minutes, which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Physick offered an amendment that the assessment of St. James' Church, Port Deposit, be reduced to \$10, which motion was adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Skinner, the report as amended, was laid on the table.

Mr. Carmichael, from the Board of Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, submitted their report, together with the report of the Treasurer, which, on motion, were referred to the Committee on the Episcopal Fund.

The Rev. Mr. Wilson submitted the report of the Board of Managers of the Home of the Friendless Children, together with the report of the Treasurer. (Appendix B.)

The Rev. Mr. Barber submitted his report as Registrar of the Diocese.

The Registrar of the Diocese respectfully reports, that the collection of official papers and documents has been somewhat enlarged during the year.

But, with the utmost diligence on his part, the List of Journals of the Diocese of Maryland, remains incomplete. Thus far no success has attended our search for the Journals of 1800, 1802 and 1807. And of the years prior to 1800, we possess only the Journals for 1789, 1792, 1795 and 1799.

In order to discharge our indebtedness to the Rev. Dr. Allen for his MS. History of the Parishes, we yet require \$93.78. Of this sum the Registrar holds pledges to the amount of \$40.00, which will, without doubt, be redeemed at this Convention. There are very urgent reasons for asking that the small balance, yet unprovided for, may be paid in before our adjournment. A small contribution from each of the Parishes, not yet having subscribed, would free the Diocese of this obligation.

Respectfully submitted,

THEO. P. BARBER,
Registrar of the Diocese.

The Rev. Dr. Stearns, submitted a Canon "On the Differences between Rectors and their Congregations," which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Canons.

On motion, the Convention then adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING, *June 3, 1875.*

After morning prayer, said by the Rev. Messrs. Totten and Williamson, the Convention was called to order by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop. There roll being called, the Rev. Mr. Williamson, and Messrs. Coudon, Goldsborough, Legg, Manlove and Taylor, in addition to members present yesterday, answered to their names.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Skinner, it was

Resolved, That the portion of the Episcopal Address relating to "the Revival, the Parish and the Mission," be referred to a special Committee of three clergymen, to report at 1 P. M.

The President appointed the Rev. Messrs. Skinner, Wattson and Martin, as said Committee.

The Rev. Mr. Barber, from the Board of Diocesan Missions, submitted their report.

The Rev. Messrs. Hepbron and John A. Thompson took their seats in Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Barber, from the Committee on Canons, to whom had been referred amendments to the Constitution adopted by the General Convention, submitted the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Committee on Canons be discharged from the further consideration of the proposed amendments.

On motion, the Secretary was ordered to have seven hundred copies of the Journal published.

On motion of Mr. Earle, it was

Resolved, That ten dollars be assessed to All Saints' Church, Talbot Co., for the Convention Fund, and that the assessment of St. James' Church, Port Deposit, be ten dollars, and that of St. Mary's Whitechapel Parish, Caroline County, be five dollars.

The Rev. Mr. Skinner submitted the following Preamble and Resolution :

WHEREAS, the interests of the Church and the subjects coming under discussion in the Annual Council of the Diocese, are of a nature requiring the pious consideration of her most devout membership ; it is hereby

Resolved, As the sense of this Convention, that the Lay Delegates to the Diocesan Convention should be chosen from among the communicants : and therefore, the Vestries of the various Parishes are earnestly requested in their election of Delegates, to choose, where it is practicable, communicants only, while, on the other hand, the devout Laymen of the Diocese who may be so elected, are urged to heed their election as a call of duty, and to make all other engagements yield, as much as possible, to this obligation.

The Rev. Dr. Stearns moved to lay the same upon the table. A division being called for, this motion prevailed. Ayes, 19 ; nays, 18.

The hour having arrived for the election of the Standing Committee and other officers, the Convention proceeded to the election of a Standing Committee.

The President appointed the Rev. Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Physick, tellers.

The Rev. Mr. Barber nominated Mr. Thomas Hughlett as Treasurer of the Convention, which nomination was confirmed.

The Rev. Mr. Dashiell, from the Committee on the Episcopal Fund, submitted the following report :

The Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, together with the report of its Treasurer, respectfully report, that from the consideration of the same it is painfully evident that unless some decisive measures are promptly taken to collect the arrears of principal and interest now due, serious embarrassment must ensue in meeting the obligations of the Diocese to its Bishop. In view of this urgent necessity, they would offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Rector of each Parish, together with an earnest Layman to be selected by the Pastor, be appointed a Committee to collect the arrearages now due and to include claims yet to fall due on the settlement of such cases, by note with approved security, where the cash cannot be collected.

In the event of failure to effect settlements by the mode proposed, we recommend the claims to be placed in the hands of an Attorney, to be selected by the Trustees, who shall proceed to collect the same by law, due notice having first been given to the delinquent.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ERASTUS F. DASHIELL,
WM. R. HAYWARD,
WM. McKENNEY.

On motion, the resolution, together with the accompanying recommendation, was approved and adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Everitt submitted the following resolution :

Resolved, That attending theatres, balls and the race-course, is hereby declared to be violative of Christian vows and hurtful to the soul.

The tellers of the vote for members of the Standing Committee reported the following as having a majority of the votes cast : The Rev. Messrs. Crosdale, Barton, Barber, Dashiell and Wilson, who were declared to be duly elected.

The Rev. Mr. Barton nominated the Rev. Theo. P. Barber as Registrar of the Diocese ; Messrs. I. L. Adkins, R. B. Carmichael, H. H. Dashiell, Geo. R. Goldsborough, E. L. F. Hardcastle, Charles Lowndes and Wm. S. Walker as Trustees of the Episcopal Fund.

Messrs. I. L. Adkins and Jos. E. M. Chamberlaine as members of the Board of Diocesan Missions.

The Rev. Messrs. E. F. Dashiell and Robert Wilson, and Messrs. E. L. F. Hardcastle and John C. Earle, as Trustees of the Clergy Relief Fund.

The Rev. Messrs. E. F. Dashiell, Jos. N. Wattson, Edward J. Stearns, D. D., and James A. Mitchell, as Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

The Rev. Robert Wilson, the Rev. E. F. Dashiell, Messrs. John M. Goldsborough, I. L. Adkins, E. M. Hardcastle, as Council of Advice of the Home for Friendless Children of the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

The Rev. Mr. Wilson nominated the Board of Managers of the Home for Friendless Children. (See appendix B.)

The Rev. Mr. Barber nominated the Rev. Joseph N. Wattson, the Rev. Jas. A. Mitchell, the Rev. S. C. Roberts, as the Ecclesiastical Court.

There being no other nominations, the ballot was dispensed with, and all the foregoing nominations were confirmed :

The Order of the Day being called, the Rev. Dr. Stearns moved that the Convention proceed to adopt and ratify the amendment to Art. VI. of the Constitution, proposed at the last Diocesan Convention, which alteration is in the words following :

Resolved, That Article VI. of the Constitution be amended, by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following :

"The election of a Bishop of this Church shall be made in Convention by a concurrent vote of the Clergy and of the Laity, the two orders voting by ballot, separately, in open Convention, the Clergy first and then the Laity; and when all the votes of both orders shall have been deposited, the tellers of the Clerical vote and of the Lay vote respectively shall proceed to count the votes, and if, among those voted for, one shall be found to have received a majority of the votes of the Clergy, and a majority of the votes of the Laity, he shall be declared duly elected."

The vote, by orders, being called, resulted as follows :

OF THE CLERGY, *Ayes*—The Rev. Messrs. Barber, Barton, Bryan, Crosdale, D. D., Dashiell, Ellwood, Everett, Hall, Hepbron, Hoskins, Martin, Mitchell, Roberts, Schubert, Skinner, Stearns, D. D., Wattson, Walke, Williamson, Wilson—20.

OF THE LAITY, *Ayes*—Messrs. Adkins, Biddle, Carmichael, Coudon, Earle, Goldsborough, Hayward, Henry, Hepbron, Janvier, Johnson, Legg, Mackall, Massey, McMaster, Physick, Parvis, Rankin, Taylor, Stewart, Walker—21.

The Rev. Mr. Skinner, on behalf of a Special Committee, submitted the following Report :

The Committee appointed to consider and report on that part of the Episcopal Address relating to "The Revival, the Parish and the Mission," respectfully offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Convention cordially commend the Parochial Mission to the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese, as a very desirable, if not a necessary addition to our ordinary Parochial Machinery, for the extension of the Truth among the people, and the rescue of the multitudes lying outside of religious influences ; and would be gratified to see the Mission idea realized, under the conditions and limitations laid down in the Address.

H. A. SKINNER,
J. N. WATTSON,
J. MARTIN.

Whereupon the Resolution proposed by the Committee, was adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Ellwood, the Resolution offered by the Rev. Mr. Everett, was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Legg, the following Preamble and Resolution were adopted :

Considering it impossible that the arrears due from Kent Island Parish for Parochial Contributions can be collected, on account of the embarrassed pecuniary condition of said Parish ;

Be it Resolved, That the said arrears be stricken from the pages of the Journal of this Convention, and that the assessment for the future be reduced to \$15.00, instead of \$30.00 as now is the case.

The Rev. Mr. Barber, from the Committee on Canons, submitted the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the following be adopted as a Canon of this Diocese, viz :

CANON

OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MINISTERS AND CONGREGATIONS.

In the case of a controversy between any Rector or Assistant Minister of any Church or Parish, and the Vestry or Congregation of such Church or Parish, which cannot be settled by themselves, the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese shall be the Arbitrer.

This Canon shall take the place of the first four Sections of Canon 4, title II., of the Digest.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Wilson, it was

Resolved, That the next Annual Session of this Convention be held in Christ Church, St. Peter's Parish, Easton.

Mr. Janvier, from Committee on Accounts, submitted the following Report :

The Committee of Accounts would most respectfully report that they have examined the Treasurer's account for the past year. We find the amount re-

ceived by him is \$810.75, and the amount paid \$767.26, leaving balance on hand of \$43.49.

WILLIAM JANVIER,
GEORGE BIDDLE,
G. W. PARVIS.

The Rev. Mr. Wilson, from the Committee on the State of the Church, submitted their Report, as follows :

The Committee on the State of the Church beg leave to report, that 24 Annual Reports from the Parishes have come before them, and 17 Reports of Registers, and while these present to us a fair view of the actual condition of the Diocese, the omissions are of sufficient importance to prevent a just and accurate analysis of statistics. We note with grateful pleasure that all the living Parishes in the Diocese, with one exception, are occupied, and we observe every indication of active and devoted ministerial effort. While figures show no actual increase to our numbers, we remember how large has been the loss by removals in several of the Parishes, and we are confident that when the tabulated statement is completed by the addition of information not now within our reach, a comparison with last year's totals will give great reason for encouragement. The year has been one of severe trial to a farming community, if not of absolute disaster, and the total money contributions in the Diocese must be expected to reflect the general financial pressure. While we feel sure that our people could make greater sacrifices were they more fully to realize the great needs of the Church, and the paramount importance of her claims, we are yet encouraged by recognizing a steady and healthful growth in this direction. It is cheering to observe that in spite of difficulties like those to which we have alluded, the contributions to Mission-work in the Diocese have increased by several hundred dollars, a result owing partly to an increase of interest from more earnest efforts on the part of the Parochial Clergy, and partly to the admirable working of the systematic plans put in operation by the Board of Missions. We would urge upon those Parishes which are subsidized by the Board, the necessity of more earnest and vigorous efforts to sustain themselves, and thus set free the limited resources of the Committee for the opening of new fields. We would earnestly call attention to the inadequate provision made for the support of the Clergy. But two Parishes give as much as \$1200 while 11 give less than \$1000, and of these, four are reported as in arrears. "The laborer is worthy of his hire," and the surest way of securing diligent cultivation of the spiritual field, which is the province of the Clergy, is to relieve them, as far as possible, from the toil and anxiety resulting from insufficient support. We note again this year with regret, the laxity of administration in the temporalities of the Church. Two Parishes own glebes, which appear to be well managed, and four report small monied endowments. But only 12 Churches and 7 Rectories are said to be in good condition. Several Parishes have no Rectories, while only 8 Churches and 6 Rectories are protected by insurance, and those generally for very inadequate amounts. The Committee would urge upon all the Vestries of the Diocese, the great importance of insurance upon all Parish buildings, to the

very limit of allowed valuation. Many of the Parishes are now liable, at any moment to losses by fire, which would be simply irreparable. We are happy to observe the occupation for public worship of a new Church, as yet unfinished, at Galena, and the success of the little struggling Congregation at Greensborough in freeing from debt their handsome and commodious Church, thus enabling the Bishop to consecrate the building to the service of Almighty God.

The Home for Friendless and Orphan Children at Easton, our only Diocesan Institution, is fulfilling its valuable and holy mission under the immediate supervision of the Bishop. It needs all that the Diocese can do for it, and we most heartily commend its support to the liberal benefactions, and earnest prayers and efforts of the Church in the Diocese.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. WILSON,
H. A. SKINNER,
J. N. WATTSON,
S. S. McMASTER,
HENRY L. PHYSICK.

The Rev. Mr. Wattson moved that the Extra Assessment on North Kent Parish be remitted, which was adopted.

Mr. Taylor moved that the extra assessment on Whitemarsh Parish be remitted, which was not adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Dashiell, from the Board of Trustees of "The Clergy Relief Fund," submitted their Report, as follows :

The Trustees of the Clergy Relief Fund of the Diocese of Easton, submit the following Report of their Treasurer to the consideration of the Convention.

The following contributions to the "Clergy Relief Fund" of the Diocese of Easton have been received.

1874.

June 1. Amount on hand at last report.....\$107 60

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM PARISHES SINCE LAST REPORT.

June 17.	St. Peter's Parish	\$11 70
Sept.	Worcester "	14 10
1875.		
May 17.	St. Michael's Parish	10 00
" 18.	North Sassafra "	10 46
" "	Great Choptank "	17 00
" "	Chester "	15 13
" 19.	Spring Hill "	5 50
" "	Wye "	3 00
" 21.	St. Peter's "	17 30
" 25.	St. Paul's " Kent County.....	8 14

May 25.	I. U. Parish.....	\$5 52
" "	North Elk Parish.....	3 50
" "	Shrewsbury "	3 51
" "	St. John's "	85
" "	Whitemarsh "	3 45
" 27.	St. Luke's "	1 00
" 28.	Somerset "	21 20
" "	St. Paul's " Q. A. County....	2 53
		<hr/> \$153 89

Making a sum total, amounting to \$261 49

EDMUND L. F. HARDCASTLE, *Treasurer.*

EASTON, *May, 31, 1875.*

On motion, the Convention then adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

8 P. M.

After Divine Service, Missionary Addresses were delivered by the Rev. W. A. Schubert and the Rev. Theo. P. Barber, of the Diocese, and also by the Rev. Hugh Roy Scott and the Rev. Geo. Leeds, D. D., of the Diocese of Maryland.

An offering was made for the Missions of the Diocese.

Business being resumed, the Rev. Dr. Crosdale offered the following Resolution, which, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Dashiell, was adopted by a rising vote :

Resolved, That this Convention recognize, with great satisfaction, the presence among us of two Presbyters of the Diocese of Maryland, and that we avail ourselves of this fitting opportunity to request these Presbyters, the Rev. Dr. Leeds and the Rev. Mr. Scott, to convey to the Rt. Rev., the Bishop of Maryland, the assurance of the veneration in which he is held in this portion of the old Diocese of Maryland.

On motion of Mr. Mackall, the following Resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are due, and are hereby tendered, to the citizens of Centreville and vicinity, for their generous hospitality in entertaining the members of this Convention ; and in making their visit here a genuine pleasure.

Resolved, That we gratefully acknowledge the liberality of the Queen Ann's Rail Road Company, and the Chester River Steamboat Company, in the reduction of the fare on their respective lines to the members of the Convention.

Resolved, That we tender the thanks of the Convention to the Rector, Vestry and Wardens of St. Paul's Church, for the arrangements made for the support and accommodation of the Convention and its Committees.

The Rev. Dr. Stearns, on behalf of the Committee on Parochial Contributions and Assessments, submitted their Report as follows :

The Committee on Parochial Contributions submit the following report of amounts received, on account of assessments for the year 1875 :

North Elk Parish.....	\$15 00
North Sassafra.....	35 00
Trinity, Elkton.....	25 00
St. James's Church, Port Deposit.....	15 00
St. John's Parish, Caroline, (in part).....	4 00
St. Mary's Whitechapel.....	10 00
Dorchester Parish.....	10 00
East New Market.....	8 00
Great Choptank.....	30 00
Vienna.....	5 00
Chester.....	35 00
I. U.....	10 00
North Kent.....	30 00
St. Luke's.....	5 00
St. Paul's, Queen Anne's.....	35 00
Wye.....	10 00
Coventry.....	10 00
Somerset.....	35 00
Pocomoke.....	15 00
St. Peter's, Talbot.....	40 00
Whitemarsh.....	25 00
All Hallows'.....	15 00
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	\$422 00

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. STEARNS,	} Committee.
C. H. B. MASSEY,	
R. C. MACKALL,	

The Committee further report that of the sum of \$316,47 in arrear, there has been remitted by vote of the Convention, \$111,00, and that there has been paid in from

St. John's, Caroline.....	\$ 3 00
Trinity, Elkton.....	8 00
I. U.....	7 00
St. Paul's, Kent.....	45 00
St. Luke's.....	3 00
St. Paul's, Queen Anne's.....	7 00
Shrewsbury.....	49 47
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	\$122 47

RECAPITULATION.

Amount received on account of Assessments for 1875.....	\$422 00
Amount received from arrearage.....	122 47
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Whole amount in arrear.....	\$544 47
	212 00

The Committee further add that, by reason of the remission of certain arrearages above mentioned, there will be needed, in the opinion of the Treasurer, in addition to the \$598 now assessed on the Parishes, at least \$125, to meet the demands on the Treasury. The Committee are clear that this amount ought to be provided for. In what manner, they leave to the wisdom of the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. STEARNS,	} <i>Committee.</i>
C. H. B. MASSEY,	
R. C. MACKALL,	

The Rev. Mr. Skinner, on behalf of a Special Committee, submitted the following Report:

The Committee entrusted with the subject of the "Improvement and Cultivation of Church Music," ask to report the following suggestions:

The essential and peculiar feature of music as a part of Christian worship is, that it should be *Congregational*. Confined to the organ-loft, the organist and the quartette, it has no source in the hearts and no place on the lips of the Congregation; who are apt thus to become, only listeners, while they lose a large part of their share in the service; and thus public worship is too often rendered lifeless.

To obtain congregational singing, one thing at least, is indispensable. That is, congregational practice; which is not impossible, difficult as it is, if only those who can sing, will meet together as regularly and frequently as possible for rehearsal.

A great impulse would undoubtedly be given to this cause if several Parishes would unite and procure a competent teacher of Sacred Music, who could give regular instructions through the week.

It would not be difficult to find such among the students of our Theological Seminaries, who might, with profit both to themselves and others, be induced to spend their vacation months among us, in this employment.

The *character* of the music next claims attention. As regards hymns, most of the choir-books in common use are fit only to be burned. Especially is this to be said of the Boston Academy, and of its peculiar school. This would be very small reparation for the mischief they have done in vitiating the public taste.

On the other hand, we cheerfully recommend Tucker's Hymnal, as the *best*, both in its matter and its arrangement.

With respect to the chants, the *simplest* are the *best* for congregational use.

As entire uniformity is not to be expected here, we commend for general use, both the Trinity Psalter and the chants, bound up with Tucker's Hymnal.

As a closing suggestion, we would observe that no amount of practice, and not even the best music, will produce the needed improvement in Church music unless all, both choirs and people, recognize the necessity of these two things:

1. A musical authority.
2. Submission to that authority.

By adherence, then, to the best standards of Ecclesiastical music, such as those recommended ; by diligent instruction from skilled musicians ; and by faithful *congregational* practice, we may hope to see ere long, a great advance in this most essential part of the service of the Sanctuary.

HENRY C. LAY,
RICHARD TOTTEN,
JNO. O. BARTON,
H. A. SKINNER.

On motion of Mr. Adkins, it was

Resolved, That the assessment on the several Parishes to be paid to the Treasurer of the Convention, at its meeting in June, 1876, is hereby fixed at the rate of twenty-five per cent. additional to the sums levied upon them severally at this present Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Crosdale, from the Special Committee on the Cathedral System, presented the following Report :

The Committee appointed at the last Convention to consider so much of the Bishop's Address as related to the Cathedral system, and continued over with leave to report at the present Convention, respectfully report, that while they would reiterate their decided conviction, that at the earliest possible day, the Diocese should adopt the wise and eminently practical views enunciated by the Bishop in the Address referred to, they are equally clear in the belief, that the present condition of the Diocese, growing out of financial depression renders it inexpedient at this time to attempt to carry them out.

They therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JOHN CROSDALE,
THEO. P. BARBER,
JOHN O. BARTON,
ROBERT WILSON,
I. L. ADKINS.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Skinner, it was

Resolved, That the Rectors of the several Parishes of the Dioceses be, and they are hereby, requested to use their personal endeavor to extend the list of paying subscribers to the Episcopal Fund.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Skinner, it was

Resolved, That the sum of \$10 be appropriated as compensation to the Sexton of this Church for his extra services, during the session of the Convention.

On motion of Mr. Walker, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay the Secretary of this Convention the sum of twenty-five dollars, for the expense of transcribing and distributing the Journal.

The Rev. Mr. Barber moved, that after the Minutes were read, and after appropriate religious services, the Convention adjourn *sine die*, which motion prevailed.

The Minutes were read and approved, proper collects and prayers were said by the Bishop, and, after the Benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

HENRY C. LAY,

President ex-officio.

JAMES L. BRYAN,

Secretary.

WILLIAM S. WALKER,

Assistant Secretary.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

CAROLINE COUNTY.

St. John's Parish.

W. S. H. Mansfield and John H. Holt, Wardens.

J. B. Bishop, F. T. Barton, Dr. P. S. Reynolds, Dr. G. W. Goldsborough, E. M. Bonwill, J. P. Manlove, Wm. C. Satterfield, John H. Holt, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Adult 1 ; Infant 15=16 ; Confirmations, 6 ; Marriages, 4 ; Burials, 5 ; Holy Communion administered, 25.

Communicants, added, 3 ; removed, 1 ; present number, 59.

Sunday School Teachers, 8 ; Scholars, 60 ; Families, 25 ; Individuals, 150 ; Sitzings, 300. Money receipts, \$1,865.64 ; Parochial Expenditures, \$1,503.80 ; Parochial Improvements, \$67.80 ; Alms within the Parish, \$3.00 ; Episcopal Fund, \$3.00 ; Home of the Friendless, \$15.00 ; Diocesan Missions, \$50.38 ; Domestic Missions, \$6.00 ; General Convention, \$3.00 ; Sunday School Expenses, \$9.40 ; appropriated to support of Rector, \$211.26 ; miscellaneous, \$6.90. Total amount given in the Parish, \$1,872.54.

We would record with gratitude the consecration by the Bishop of the Diocese, on the 30th of April last, of the new Church edifice at Greensborough, by the name of the "Church of the Holy Trinity." It was a day of great joy, in which many of the Clergy of the Diocese and friends at home and from a distance shared. This structure, costing \$3,877.15, is the fruit of years of prayer and toil. May its erection and consecration prove a blessing to many.

GEO. F. BEAVEN, *Rector.*

St. Mary's, Whitechapel Parish.

Geo. M. Russum and Fred. Straughn, M. D., Wardens.

Philip W. Downes, Geo. M. Russum, Wm. G. Horsey, Chas. Stevens, Jas. B. Steele, Richard Carter, Fred. Straughn, M. D., Enoch George, M. D., Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Infant, 1 ; Catechisings, 10 ; Holy Communion administered, 19. Communicants, removed, 5 ; present number, 12.

Sunday School Teachers, 4 ; Scholars, 26 ; Families, 12 ; Individuals, 54 ;
Sittings, 100. Money Receipts, \$340.32 ; Parochial Expenditures, \$292.89 ;
Treasurer of the Convention, \$13.00 ; Diocesan Missions, \$29.18 ; Domestic
Missions, \$2.03 ; Foreign Missions, \$2.22 ; Relief of Clergy, \$1.00.

Besides the above, there has been paid to the Treasurer of the Home of the
Friendless \$40.00, the proceeds of an Entertainment given by members of the
Congregation, aided by others not members. We have also to acknowledge
the receipt of a handsome walnut alms-basin, the gift of a lady of Wye Parish.
There have been no Confirmations this year, there having been two last year,
one near the end of the Conventional year.

EDWARD J. STEARNS, *Rector.*

CECIL COUNTY.

St. Augustine Parish.

Confirmation, 1 ; Burials, 2.

Communicants, present number, 9.

Paid to the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, \$26.00.

LEWIS WALKER, *Acting Rector by assignment of the Bishop.*

North Elk, or St. Mary Anne Parish.

Samuel Chamberlaine and Caleb Veazy, Wardens.

Joseph Coudon, Henry Coudon, Geo. P. Whittaker, John Maulden, Frank
Jones, Samuel Chamberlaine, William Simcoe, Elisha Harris, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Adult, 7 ; Infant, 32=39 ; Confirmations, 15 ; Marriages, 2 ;
Burials, 8 ; Catechisings, 20 ; Holy Communion administered, 18 public, 4
private=22.

Communicants, added, 15 ; removed, 3 ; died, 1 ; present number, 67.

Sunday School Teachers, 14 ; Scholars, 120 ; Families, 50 ; Individuals,
175 ; Sittings, 300. Money Receipts, \$6,110.00 ; Parochial Expenditures,
\$774.00 ; Parochial Improvements, \$5,060.00 ; Alms within the Parish, \$27.69 ;
Treasurer of the Convention, \$15.00 ; Episcopal Fund, \$224.05 ; Home of
the Friendless, \$16.26 ; Diocesan Missions, \$43.87 ; Relief of Clergy, \$3.60 ;
furnishing Memorial in Parsonage, \$35.00. Total amount given in the Parish,
\$6,231.47.

Five thousand dollars of this amount has been generously given by one com-
municant, Mr. Joseph Coudon, who donated to the Parish the Parsonage with
about eight acres of land. The present Rector has been in the Parish but
eight months, and for that reason the other contributions are not quite what
they would have been.

ENOCH K. MILLER, *Rector.*

Parochial Reports.

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St. James' Church.

Henry S. Maddock and Robert Hamilton, Wardens.

J. B. Pugh, Thomas Armstrong, H. L. Physick, R. E. McClennahan, Jno. W. Beavan, H. S. Maddock, Dixon West, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Infant, 10 ; Marriages, 2 ; Burials, 2 ; Catechisings, monthly ; Holy Communion administered, 16.

Communicants, added, 3 ; removed, 10 ; present number, 63.

Sunday School Teachers, 9 ; Scholars, 70 ; Families, 50 ; Individuals, 150 ; Sittings, 200. Money Receipts, \$1,148.95 ; Parochial Expenditures, \$960.95 ; within the Parish, \$35.00 ; Treasurer of the Convention, \$15.00 ; Home of the Friendless, \$25.00 ; Diocesan Missions, \$50.00 ; Relief of Clergy, \$8.00 ; Sd. Sc., including part of new library and May Festival, \$55.00. Total amount given in the Parish, \$1,148.95.

The Congregation has lost heavily by removals the past year. The ice flood this Spring, followed by the long illness of the Rector, obliged us to postpone the Confirmation until some time later in the season. At the time of the flood the basement of the Church was entirely filled with water, and the Library and all other books used in the Sunday School were lost. By the generous efforts of Rev. Dr. Dennison, and others in New York, and a few friends besides, the necessary books have been replaced, and a new library procured, the Scholars themselves contributing twenty dollars towards the object.

JOHN MARTIN, *Rector.*

North Sassafras Parish.

J. C. Crookshank and D. P. Davis, Wardens.

William Knight, B. B. Price, J. W. Veasey, S. E. Wills, E. S. Jones, George Biddle, William Ward, D. P. Davis, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Adult, 3 ; Infant, 18=21 ; Confirmations, 8 ; Marriages, 6 ; Burials, 8 ; Holy Communion administered monthly.

Communicants, added, 8 ; removed, 4 ; present number, 45.

Families, 25 ; Individuals, 100 ; Sittings, 200. Money Receipts, \$1,352.27 ; Parochial Expenditures, \$2,221.55 ; Parochial Improvements, \$1,392.83 ; Treasurer of the Convention, \$35.00 ; Episcopal Fund, \$231.00 ; Home of the Friendless, \$5.38 ; Diocesan Missions, \$65.41 ; Relief of Clergy, \$10.46.

LEWIS WALKER, *Rector.*

Trinity Parish.

R. C. Mackall and W. W. Henderson, Wardens.

W. W. Henderson, L. T. Roberts, R. C. Mackall, A. Wetherill, Jno. Part-ridge, R. G. Reese, E. Sweetapple, G. W. Cruikshank, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Adult, 1; Infant, 21=22; Confirmations, 10; Marriages, 4; Burials, 11; Catechisings, 45; Holy Communion administered, 10 privately, 34 publicly=44.

Communicants, added, 10; died, 1; present number, 83.

Sunday School Teachers, 8; Scholars, 60; Families, 50; Individuals, 250; Sitzings, 250. Money Receipts, \$1,435.10; Parochial Expenditures, \$835.60; Alms within the Parish, \$70.00; Treasurer of the Convention, \$22.00; Episcopal Fund, \$32.50; Home of the Friendless, \$15.00; Diocesan Missions, \$129.25; Domestic Missions, \$15.25; Relief of Clergy, \$1.25; General Convention Fund, \$12.00; Sunday School offerings, \$22.26; Wine for Sacrament, \$15.00; Mite Society, \$75.00; minor items for Church, \$25.00; Building Fund, \$300.00. Total amount given in the Parish, \$1,496.36.

The regular Sunday offertory has fallen off the past year in this Parish, but the alms have largely increased, and the hard winter has developed unusual activity among our people in works of charity; while the offerings for Missions of all sorts have kept above their usual mark. I am able to report a fair prosperity in the Parish, notwithstanding its chronic feebleness and its many hindrances. The Rector is still a sojourner in a public house; and there is no school house, or other appliance of the sort needful for efficient Parochial machinery, but in about three years the untiring exertions of the Ladies' Society will be rewarded by an ample sum from the building associations of Elkton for these purposes. High praise is due to these devoted Christian women. Without them I believe the Parish would long ago have been hopelessly embarrassed, or perhaps died outright.

H. A. SKINNER, *Rector.*

DORCHESTER COUNTY.

Dorchester Parish.

Dr. W. A. Smith and John E. Graham, Wardens.

S. M. Travers, W. W. Mace, J. H. Edmondson, R. L. Spilman, T. K. Carroll, J. M. Willis, Wm. J. Bowdle, T. H. Keene of L., Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Infant, 5; Confirmations, 4; Marriages, 3; Catechisings, monthly; Holy Communion administered, 5.

Communicants, added, 4; present number, 19.

Sunday School Teachers, 10; Scholars, 75; Families, 30; Individuals, 150; Sitzings, 400. Money Receipts, \$956.77; Parochial Expenditures, \$956.77; Alms within the Parish, \$100.00; Treasurer of the Convention, \$11.00; Home of the Friendless, \$8.00; Diocesan Missions, \$33.25; Foreign Missions, \$1.50; Relief of Clergy, \$2.31. Total amount given in the Parish, \$956.77.

No changes of moment have occurred during the year. Our great want is that of competent and earnest Sunday School Teachers. This is especially the case at Trinity, where we could easily secure an average attendance of about fifty scholars. But we live in faith and hope.

D. M. ELLWOOD, *Rector.*

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East New Market Parish.

Dr. J. T. Jacobs and Matthew Rose, Wardens.

K. M. Jacobs, J. H. Wright, Thomas Hicks, T. B. Sherman, E. S. Johnson, Jarvis Eadie, Matthew Rose, Thomas Leckie, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Infant, 10; Burial, 1; Catechisings, semi-monthly; Holy Communion administered, monthly, and Festivals, and during Lent.

Communicants, added, 8; present number, 40.

Sunday School Teachers, 4; Scholars, 15; Families, 25; Individuals, 80; Sittings, 100. Money Receipts, \$230.00; Parochial Expenditures, \$175.00; Treasurer of the Convention, \$8.00; Home of the Friendless, \$1.42; Diocesan Missions, \$20.00; Domestic Missions, \$2.00; Foreign Missions, \$2.00; Indian Missions, \$2.00; Relief of Clergy, \$2.50.

JAMES W. HOSKINS, *Rector.*

Great Choptank Parish.

William R. Hayward and Daniel M. Henry, Wardens.

Alex. H. Bayly, M. D., Wm R. Hayward, M. D., Daniel M. Henry, Thos. H. Handy, Thos. H. Williams, M. D., Charles F. Goldsborough, Thomas B. Steele, M. D., Edward W. LeCompte, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Infant, 17; Confirmation, 1; Marriages, 3; Burials, 9; Catechisings, 18; Holy Communion administered, 20.

Communicants, added, 13; removed, 7; died, 3; present number, 178.

Sunday School Teachers, 16; Scholars, 90; Families, 87; Individuals, 440; Sittings, 450. Money Receipts \$2,077.94; Parochial Expenditures, \$1,250.00; Parochial Improvements, \$50.00; Alms within the Parish, \$260.00; Treasurer of the Convention, \$30.00; Episcopal Fund, \$106.59; Home of the Friendless, \$58.45; Diocesan Missions, \$146.54; Domestic Missions, \$55.68; Foreign Missions, \$13.68; Relief of Clergy, \$17.00; Miscellaneous, \$70.00. Total amount given in the Parish, \$2,077.94.

As in many previous years, the Assistant Minister has rendered valuable aid, highly appreciated by the Rector and congregation.

THEO. P. BARBER, *Rector.*

JAMES L. BRYAN, M. D., *Assistant Minister.*

Vienna Parish.

Dr. James R. Phillips and James A. Higgins, Wardens.

W. S. Craft, James A. Higgins, Dr. E. Hodson, A. S. Percy, John Webl, T. H. Webb, Tho. Higgins, J. Robertson, Wardens.

Burial, 1; Catechisings, monthly; Holy Communion administered, monthly.

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Communicants, removed, 2; present number, 11.

Sunday School Teachers, 3; Scholars, 12; Families, 15; Individuals, 75; Sittings, 125. Money Receipts, \$149.00; Parochial Expenditures, \$125.00; Treasurer of the Convention, \$5.00; Home of the Friendless, \$2.08; Diocesan Missions, \$10.00.

JAMES W. HOSKINS, *Rector.*

KENT COUNTY.

Chester Parish.

N. G. Westcott and T. S. Wickes, Wardens.

W. S. Walker, John L. Stam, W. H. Meteer, J. A. Pearce, W. N. E. Wickes, George W. T. Perkins, J. A. Wickes, George B. Westcott, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Adult, 1; Infant, 4=5; Confirmations, 9; Marriages, 6; Burials, 6; Catechisings, monthly; Holy Communion administered, 16 times.

Communicants, removed, 1; died, 1; present number, 90.

Sunday School Teachers, 14; Scholars, 92; Families, 36; Individuals, 144; Sittings, 341; Parochial Expenditures, \$1,087.02; Alms within the Parish, \$150.00; Current Expenses of the Church, \$152.00; Treasurer of the Convention, \$65.00; Diocesan Missions, \$196.60; Domestic Missions, \$5.39; Episcopal Fund, \$10.60; Relief of Clergy, \$115.13; Parish work at Church Hill, \$85.00. Total amount given in the Parish, \$1,866.74.

STEPHEN C. ROBERTS, *Rector.*

I. U. Parish.

Dr. Samuel Beck and Samuel Roseberry, Wardens.

E. B. Pennington, Jos. Hossinger, Wm. S. Thompson, Dr. Frederic Worrell, James S. Raymond, Luther Handy, Solomon Wright, Sewell Hepbron, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Infant, 2; Confirmations, 2; Marriage, 1; Burials, 2; Holy Communion administered, 3.

Communicants, added, 3; removed, 2; present number, 27.

Families, 18; Sittings, estimated, 200. Money Receipts, \$136.48; Diocesan Missions, \$9.67; Parochial Expenditures, \$12.00; Rector's Salary, \$109.00; this year's assessment, \$10.00; last year's additional, \$7.00=\$17.00.

SEWELL S. HEPBRON, *Rector.*

North Kent Parish.

D. C. Blackiston and Wm. Cacy, Wardens.

D. C. Blackiston, Wm. Cacy, Stephen Boyer, J. J. Hall, C. H. B. Massey, Samuel Cacy, J. Jackson Spear, C. S. Hurlock, Vestrymen.

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Baptisms, Infant, 2; Confirmations, 10; Marriages, 2; Burials, 3; Catechisings, every Sunday; Holy Communion administered, first Sunday in the month and on high Festivals.

Communicants, added, 4; present number, 35.

Sunday School Teachers, 4; Scholars, 25; Families, 30; Individuals, 150; Sitzings, 250. Money Receipts, \$1,231.21. All spent in the Parish except \$163.00 for Episcopal Fund; \$12.87 for Diocesan Missions, and \$30.00 for Convention Fund. Total amount given in the Parish, \$1,231.21.

The undersigned, at the earnest solicitation of the Vestry of this decayed Parish, and by the advice of the Bishop, undertook a year ago its charge. It seemed a hoping against hope to hope for its revival. It has, however, shown manifold signs of life, and its future is hopeful, though it is yet very far from what it ought to be.

J. N. WATTSON, *Rector.*

St. Paul's Parish.

Geo. Beck and Thomas Ringgold, Wardens.

J. C. Hynson, C. G. Ricaud, W. J. Rosin, Josias Ringgold, Geo. T. Hollyday, T. A. Hulme, W. P. Francis, Jas. Rankin, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Adult, 1; Infant, 9=10; Confirmations, 4; Marriages, 2; Burials, 3; Catechisings, 3; Holy Communion administered, 11.

Communicants, added, 4; removed, 1; present number, 73

Sunday School Teachers, 5; Scholars, 35. Money Receipts, \$842.17; Parochial Expenditures, \$714.92; Parochial Improvements, \$265.17; Alms, within the Parish, \$3.00; Treasurer of the Convention, \$45.00; Home of the Friendless, \$5.00; Diocesan Missions, \$12.09; Domestic Missions, 50 cents; Relief of Clergy, \$8.04; Sunday School, \$13.13; Charity, outside of Parish, \$3.00.

SEWELL S. HEPBRON, *Rector.*

Shrewsbury Parish.

Robert E. Wallis and John C. Sutton, Wardens.

Wm. Janvier, T. C. Kennard, M. D., J. M. Armstrong, Henry Parr, G. W. Jacobi, Jos. W. Hurtt, D. J. Noland, Jos. Spicer Harris, M. D., Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Adult, 4; Infant, 18--22; Confirmations, 14; Marriages, 2; Burials, 8; Catechisings, every Sunday; Holy Communion administered, first and second Sundays in each month, and on all the principal Festivals, also every Sunday in Lent and Advent.

Communicants, added, 14; removed, 3; died, 4; present number, 71.

Sunday School Teachers, 7; Scholars, 35; Families, 100; Individuals, 300; Sitzings, 350. Money Receipts, \$1,170.33; Parochial Expenditures, \$463.87; Parochial Improvements, \$630.00; Alms within the Parish, \$46.28; Trea-

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surer of the Convention, \$49.47; Episcopal Fund, \$22.40; Home of the Friendless, \$25.00; Diocesan Missions, \$95.63; Domestic Missions, \$5 55; Foreign Missions, \$2.00; Relief of Clergy, \$3.51. Total amount given in the Parish, \$1,650.85.

Among the Parochial improvements and purchases, are a new Church in Galena, nearly completed, and some repairs on the Rectory roof. The total amount given in the Parish differs from the addition of the several sums in the column, for the obvious reason that several of the sums paid out are the same repeated again as those under the head of total receipts above.

SAMUEL D. HALL, *Rector.*

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY.

Christ Church Parish.

Wm. A. Thompson and Wm. P. Tanner, Wardens.

W. E. G. Newnam, J. H. Price, Elfred Price, J. B. Hopkins, Chas. E. Tolson, Ed. C. Legg, J. C. Ninde, Wm. B. Goodhand, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Infant, 2; Burials, 4; Holy Communions administered, 7.

Communicants, added, 2; removed, 4; died, 2; present number, 19.

Sunday School Teachers, 6; Scholars, 25; Families, 9; Individuals, 60; Sittings, 50. Parochial Expenditures, \$1,000.00; Alms within the Parish, \$3.50; Diocesan Missions, \$6.12.

This report includes only that portion of the Conventional year during which the present incumbent has had charge of the Parish, viz: from October 15th, 1874. Of the nineteen Communicants above reported, not more than eight or nine have ever received the Communion during my Rectorship. As there is no list of confirmations, families or communicants upon the Parish record, the above numbers opposite these names have been furnished by persons familiar with the Parish. The Church here has sustained what would seem an irreparable loss in the death of A. W. Thompson, Esq. It is in vain that as yet we can see how his place is to be supplied.

P. D. THOMPSON, *Rector.*

St. Luke's Parish.

W. E. B. Faithful and R. E. C. Downes, Wardens.

John Brown, Wm. Gould, James Brown, Dr. G. W. Parvis, Jos. E. George, E. S. Valliant, Joseph Guest, A. J. Gadd, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Infant, 6; Confirmations, 4; Burials, 3; Holy Communions administered, 7.

Communicants, added, 4; removed, 1; present number, about 34.

Sunday School Teachers, 6; Scholars, 24; Families, 25; Individuals, 60:

Sittings, 90. Money Receipts, \$934.97; Parochial Expenditures, \$1,032.60; Parochial Improvements, \$489.53; Alms within the Parish, 75 cents; Treasurer of the Convention, \$5.00; Episcopal Fund, \$21.08; Diocesan Missions, \$15.24; Relief of Clergy, \$1.00. Total amount given in the Parish, \$690.37. Took charge of St. Luke's, July, 1874.

WM. A. SCHUBERT, *Minister.*

St. Paul's Parish.

James T. Earle and Samuel T. Earle, Wardens.

Richard T. Earle, Wm. McKenney, Robert Goldsborough, Edwin H. Brown, Samuel T. Earle, M. D., Dorsey Wright, Richard Hollyday, John B. Brown, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Adult, 1; Infant, 21=22; Confirmations, 10; Marriages, 6; Burials, 5; Catechisings, monthly; Holy Communion administered, 18.

Communicants, added, 16; removed, 7; died, 3; present number, 99.

Sunday School Teachers, 11; Scholars, 40; Parish School Teachers, 2; Scholars, 21; Families, 50; Individuals, 260; Sittings, 350. Money Receipts, \$1,884.88; Parochial Expenditures, \$1,153.03; Parochial Improvements, \$266.73; Alms within the Parish, \$64.47; Treasurer of the Convention, \$46.91; Episcopal Fund, \$28.50; Home of the Friendless, \$25.79; Diocesan Missions, \$141.81; Foreign Missions, \$11.00; Relief of Clergy, \$24.78; Sunday School, \$18.40; Charity outside of Parish, \$7.00; Building Fund at interest, \$96.46. Total amount given in the Parish, \$1,884.88.

The Episcopal Fund, as reported above, is of money actually received. A number of subscribers have settled by note; the amount thus paid will be reported when the notes become due.

JAMES A. MITCHELL, *Rector.*

QUEEN ANNE'S AND TALBOT COUNTIES.

Wye Parish.

Dr. James Davidson and W. R. Davidson, Wardens.

James Davidson, R. B. Carmichael, Sr., R. C. Tilghman, W. R. Davidson, C. H. Tilghman, Thomas Grason, Geo. Davidson, N. Comegys, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Infant, 23; Confirmations, 6; Marriages, 3; Burials, 13; Catechisings, 3; Holy Communion administered, 26.

Communicants, added, 8; removed, 1; present number, 62.

Sunday School Teachers, 3; Scholars, 18; Families, 42; Individuals, 158; Sittings, 316. Money Receipts, \$853.50; Parochial Expenditures, \$693.79; Parochial Improvements, \$33.00; Home of the Friendless, \$8.18;

Diocesan Missions, \$110.76; Domestic Missions, \$2.00; Foreign Missions, \$3.00; Relief of Clergy, \$3.00; Miscellaneous, \$7.00. Total amount given in the Parish, \$853 50.

W. B. EVERETT, *Minister.*

SOMERSET COUNTY.

Somerset Parish.

Ignatius W. Phoebus and John Woolford, Wardens; Henry H. Robertson, C. C. Waller, Levin H. Curtis and Thos. H. Fitzgerald, Jr., Assistant Wardens.

Wm. J. Brittingham, Levin Woolford, John W. Dashiell, M. D., Wm. Stewart, M. D., Robert J. Waller, H. H. Dashiell, William H. Gale, M. D., Isaac S. Atkinson, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Adult, 2; Infant, 8=10; Confirmations, 16; Marriages, 8; Burials, 8; Catechisings, (in two Sunday Schools) 22 times; Holy Communion administered, 33 times.

Communicants, added, 18; removed, 10; died, 2; present number, 198.

Sunday School Teachers, (in two schools) 20; Scholars, (in two schools) 130; Families, 90; Individuals, 400; Sittings, 450. Money Receipts, \$2,571.99; Parochial Expenditures, \$1,418.69; Parochial Improvements, \$54.00; Alms, within the Parish, \$20.00; Treasurer of the Convention, \$62.00; Episcopal Fund, \$193.60; Home of the Friendless, (money and clothing) \$30.00; Diocesan Missions, \$162.25; Nashotah Mission, \$14.25; Relief of Clergy, \$21.20; Repairs on All Saints' Church, (Monie) \$650.00. Total amount given in the Parish, \$2,625.99.

JOHN O. BARTON, *Rector.*

Coventry Parish.

Thomas Williams and Charles A. Curtis, Wardens.

Wm. Williams, M. D., Jas. A. Curtis, Geo. M. Upshur, M. D., Thomas Williams, John C. Horsey, Fred. Adams, M. D., Geo. R. Dennis, M. D., Charles C. Curtis, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Infant, 10; Confirmation, 1; Marriage, 1; Burial, 1; Holy Communion administered, 6.

Communicants, added, 2; present number, 76; Families, 40; Individuals, 175; Sittings, 750. Money Receipts, \$300.00; Parochial Expenditures, \$209.00; Treasurer of the Convention, \$19.00; Home of the Friendless, \$15.00 in provisions; Diocesan Missions, \$57.00. Total amount given in the Parish, \$300.00.

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Pocomoke Parish.

S. S. McMaster and George T. Truitt, Wardens.

S. S. McMaster, John E. Hayward, C. C. Lloyd, James W. Dougherty, D. G. O. Truitt, M. D., James Broughton, Jas. T. Hearn, Benjamin H. Williams, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Infant, 6; Confirmations, 6; Marriages, 4; Burials, 4; Holy Communion administered, 14.

Communicants, added, 14; removed, 7; present number, 101.

Sunday School Teachers, 7; Scholars, 45; Families, 59; Individuals, 266; Sittings, 225. Money Receipts, \$800.95; Parochial Expenditures, \$487.13; Parochial Improvements, \$50.00; Alms, within the Parish, \$10.00; Treasurer of the Convention, \$27.00; Episcopal Fund, \$99.82; Home of the Friendless, \$40.00; Diocesan Missions, \$53.10; Domestic Missions, \$5.00; Foreign Missions, \$8.00; Relief of Clergy, \$5.00; Miscellaneous, \$15.00. Total amount given in the Parish, \$800.95.

JOHN CROSDALE, *Rector.*

TALBOT COUNTY.

St. Michael's Parish.

George R. Goldsborough and Wm. Willis, Wardens.

Wm. Goldsborough, Charles Lowndes, N. P. Jenkins, John W. Kemp, John Harrington, Wm. Willis, Jacob S. Morris, George R. Goldsborough, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Adult, 3; Infant, 19 22; Confirmations, 10; Marriages, 3; Burials, 4; Catechisings 12; Holy Communion administered, 36.

Communicants, added, 12; removed, 35; present number, 122.

Sunday School Teachers, 10; Scholars, 60; Families, 55; Individuals, 375; Sittings, 550. Money Receipts, \$2,528.90; Parochial Expenditures, \$1,143.28; Alms, within the Parish, \$88.20; Treasurer of the Convention, \$35.00; Episcopal Fund, \$499.40; Home of the Friendless, \$104.69; Diocesan Missions, \$133.33; Domestic Missions, \$15.00; Relief of Clergy, \$10.00; invested for rebuilding Parish Church, \$500.00; interest from investments, \$400.00. Total amount given in the Parish, \$2,928.00.

Since my last report, "All Saints' Church" has organised as an independent Missionary Congregation. This will account for the falling off in the Communion list, Sunday School, and Contributions to Missionary and other charities.

ERASTUS F. DASHIELL, *Rector.*

*Diocesan Convention of Easton.**St Peter's Parish.*

Wm. H. Smith and I. L. Adkins, Wardens.

S. Hambleton, I. L. Adkins, Wm. H. Smith, Wm. M. Hollyday, M. T. Goldsborough, John F. Kersey, R. J. Trippe, Dr. John C. Earle, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Infant, 26; Marriage, 1; Burials, 14; Catechisings, monthly; Holy Communion administered, 22 times.

Communicants, added, 24; removed, 19; died, 4; present number, 254.

Sunday School Teachers, 10; Scholars, 85; * Parish School Teachers, 4; Scholars, 40; Families, 76; Individuals, 500; Sittings, 360. Money Receipts, \$3,509.54; Parochial Expenditures, \$1,730.28; Parochial Improvements, \$184.84; Alms, within the Parish, \$132.92; Treasurer of the Convention, \$60.09; Episcopal Fund, \$387.45; Home of the Friendless, \$330.74; Diocesan Missions, \$308.49; Domestic Missions, \$91.13; Foreign Missions, \$19.05; Society for Increase of Ministry, \$37.07; Relief of Clergy, \$17.30; Indian Missions, \$72.61; Miscellaneous, \$105.00.

Owing to the adoption of new plans, the proposed addition to the Church has been delayed, but it is hoped will soon be commenced. The subscriptions for this purpose have not been included in the above report, because they have not all been paid in; several thousand dollars actually paid will be included in next report.

ROBERT WILSON, *Rector.*

Whitemarsh Parish.

Thos. S. Haddaway and Thos. J. Chaplain, Wardens

John W. Martin, Jos. B. Seth, E. M. Hardcastle, A. H. Barnett, B. Taylor, W. A. Kirby, A. Matthews, T. S. Haddaway, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Adult, 1; Infant, 5-6; Confirmations, 9; Marriages, 3; Burials, 3; Catechisings, 30; Holy Communions, administered, 18.

Communicants, added, 11; removed, 3; died 1; present number, 89.

Sunday School Teachers, 15; Scholars, 96; Families, 51; Individuals, 315; Sittings, 200. Money Receipts, \$1,138.35; Parochial Expenditures, \$1,138.35; Alms, within the Parish, \$20.00; Treasurer of Convention, \$25.00; Home of the Friendless, \$25.00; Diocesan Missions, \$81.88; Relief of Clergy, \$3.47; Altar Cross, \$55.00. Total given in Parish, \$1,138.35.

GEORGE S. FITZHUGH, *Rector.*

All Saints' Church.

Baptisms, Infant, 2; Catechisings, 2; Holy Communion administered, 6; Communicants, present number, 43.

Sunday School Teachers, 6; Scholars, 25; Estimated number of Families,

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21 ; Estimated number of Individuals, 93 ; Sitzings, 200. Money Receipts, \$381.67 ; Parochial Improvements, \$119.50 ; Home of the Friendless, \$20.06 ; Diocesan Missions, \$60.00 ; Relief of Clergymen, \$29.06.

Having been in charge of All Saints' Church, only since last March, I can offer only a partial report on account of incomplete records.

RICHARD TOTTEN, *Minister.*

WICOMICO COUNTY.

Spring Hill Parish.

J. George Hitch and John F. Collier, Wardens.

John White, Milton A. Parsons, J. Augustus Parsons, Wm. E. Brewington, Wm. Waller, George Waller, George Hitch, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Infant, 23 ; Confirmations, 15 ; Marriages, 4 ; Burials, 16 ; Holy Communion administered, 30.

Communicants, added, 14 ; removed, 6 ; died 5 ; present number, 191.

Sunday School Teachers, 20 ; Scholars, 140 ; Families, 120 ; Individuals, 600 ; Sitzings, 600 Parochial Expenditures, \$1,324.14 ; Parochial Improvements, \$145.00 ; Alms, within the Parish, \$25.00 ; Treasurer of the Convention, \$51.00 ; Episcopal Fund, \$209.80 ; Home of the Friendless, \$1.00 ; Diocesan Missions, \$70.03 ; Domestic Missions, \$8.36 ; Relief of Clergy, \$5.50 ; Sunday School, \$68.79 ; Miscellaneous \$68.16. Total amount given in the Parish, \$1,976.78.

WM. FULTON, *Rector.*

WORCESTER COUNTY.

All Hallows' Parish.

James D. Hack and Frank Dashiell, Wardens.

Thos. P. Parker, James S. Jones, Geo. W. Bishop, M. D., Stephen Mason, James D. Hack, George W. Upshur, Frank Porter, Samuel Townsend, Vestrymen.

Baptisms, Adults, 2 ; Infants, 6 = 8 ; Confirmations, 7 ; Marriage, 1 ; Burials, 5 ; Catechisings, occasional : Holy Communion, administered monthly.

Communicants, added, 9 ; present number, about 45.

Sunday School Teachers, 5 ; Scholars, Boys 16 ; Girls 15 = 31 ; Families, 24 ; Individuals, 135 ; Sitzings, 400 Money Receipts \$756.86 ; Parochial Expenditures, \$506.04 ; Parochial Improvements, \$88.86 ; Alms, within the Parish, \$9.00 ; Treasurer of the Convention, \$15.00 ; Episcopal Fund, \$37.54 ; Home of the Friendless, \$18.50 ; Diocesan Missions, \$26.58 ; For-

eign Missions, \$14.00 ; Relief of Clergy, \$3.34 ; Miscellaneous, \$50.00. Total amount given in the Parish, \$769.86.

I would here gratefully acknowledge the kindness and readiness with which the Vestry of All Hallows' granted me, last January, leave of absence for two and a half months, when sickness in my family called me to Europe. I am still anxious to officiate regularly in Lindseyville and Stockton, and I am told that the brethren in those towns are trying to collect sufficient means to enable me to do so.

C. H. WILLIAMSON, *Rector.*

TABLE I.—Summary of Parochial Reports, (Statistics of Persons.)

Parish or Church.	Baptism.		Con- firmations.	Communicants.			Present Number.	Fam- ilies.	Individ- uals.	Mar- riage.	Fu- nerals.	Par. School.		Sund. School.	
	Adult.	Infant.		Add'd.	Re- mov- ed.	Dis- miss.						Teach- ers.	Schol- ars.	Teach- ers.	Schol- ars.
St. John's.....	1	15	6	3	1		59	25	150	4	5		8	60	300
St. Mary W. Chapel.....		1	1	1	5		12	12	54				4	28	100
Augustine.....			15	15	3	1	9	50	175	2	2		14	120	*100
St. Anne's.....			3	3	10		67	50	175	2	2		9	70	300
St. James.....	7	32	10	3	10		63	50	150	6	8		8	60	250
N. Saftfras.....	3	18	8	8	4		45	25	100	4	11		10	75	400
Trinity.....	1	21	10	10		1	83	50	250	3			4	15	100
Dorchester.....		5	4	4			19	30	150	3	1		4	15	100
E. N. Market.....		10		8			40	25	80	4			16	90	450
G. Choptank.....		17	1	13	7	3	178	87	440	3	9		3	12	125
Vienna.....					2	1	11	15	75		1		14	82	341
Chester.....	1	4	9	3	1	1	90	36	144	6	6		4	25	250
I. U.....		2	2	3	2		27	18	144	1	2		5	35	*150
N. Kent.....		2	10	4	1		35	30	150	2	3		7	35	350
St. Paul's, Kent.....	1	9	4	4	3	4	71	9	60	2	2		6	25	50
Shrewsbury.....	4	18	14	14	2	2	19	25	290				21	40	350
Christ, Kt. Id.....		2		2	4	1	34	50	60	6	5		2	18	450
St. Luke's.....		6	4	4	1	3	99	42	158	3	13		20	120	750
St. Paul's, Q. A.....	1	21	10	16	7	1	62	90	400	8	8		3	31	*100
Wye.....	2	23	8	8	10	2	198	40	175	1	1		7	45	225
Somerset.....		10	1	2			70						10	60	550
Covenry.....															360
Wicomico.....				14	7		101	59	296	4	4		7	45	200
Pocomoke.....		6	10	12	35		122	55	375	3	4		10	60	*100
St. Michael's.....	3	19	10	24	19	4	254	76	500	1	14		40	85	300
St. Peter's.....		26	7	24											
Holy Trinity.....															
Whitemarsh.....	1	5	9	11	3	1	89	51	315	3	3		15	98	300
+ All Saints.....		2					43	21	93				6	25	200
St. Matthew's.....		23	15	14	6	4	191	120	600	4	16		20	140	*100
Spring Hill.....													5	31	400
St. Stephen's.....	2	6	7	9			45	24	135	1	5		*7	*35	500
All Hallows.....							*62								
Worcester.....	27	321	175	224	132	26	2277	1215	5615	71	149		6	61	1469

NOTE.—According to careful estimates the Communicants in 1869 did not exceed 1500. The increase in six years is 50 per cent.
 * Supplied by Compiler. † Provisionally organized.

TABLE II.—Summary of Parochial Reports, (Statistics of Contributions.)

Parish or Church.	Money Receipts.	APPROPRIATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS.											
		Parish Expenses.	Parish Improve-ments.	Parish Charities.	Conven- tion.	Episcopal Fund.	Home for Friend- less.	Diocesan Missions.	Domestic Missions.	Fore'n Mis- sions.	Incr'e Minis- try.	Clergy Relief.	Other Pur- poses.
St. John's.....	\$1,724 46	\$1,503 80	\$ 67 80	\$ 3 00	\$ 3 00	\$ 3 00	\$15 00	\$ 50 38	\$ 2 03	2 22		1 00	\$ 6 90
St. Mary W. Chapel.....	340 32	262 80						29 18					
Augustine.....						26 00							
St. Mary Anne's.....	6,110 00	774 00	5,960 00	27 69	15 00	224 05	16 26	43 87				3 80	35 00
St. James.....	1,148 95	960 90		35 00	15 00		25 00	50 00				10 46	55 00
N. Sassafras.....	1,352 27	2,221 55	1,362 83		35 10	231 07	5 38	65 41				1 25	
Trinity.....	1,435 10	875 60	300 00	70 00	34 00	32 50	15 00	159 25	15 25			2 31	87 26
Porchester.....	956 77	956 77		100 00	11 00		8 00	33 25		1 50		2 50	
E. N. Market.....	230 00	175 00			8 00		1 42	30 00	2 00	2 00		17 00	90 00
G. Choptank.....	2,077 14	1,250 00	50 00	260 00	30 00	106 59	58 45	146 54	55 68	13 68			
Vienna.....	140 00	125 00			5 00		2 08	10 00					
Chester.....	1,866 74	1,230 02		150 00	65 00	110 06		196 60	5 39			15 13	85 00
L. Kent.....	136 48	121 00			17 00			9 67					
N. Kent.....	1,231 21	1,015 34			30 00	163 00	5 00	12 87				8 04	16 13
St. Paul's, Kent.....	842 17	714 92	265 17	3 00	45 00		25 00	12 00	50	2 00		3 51	
Shrewsbury.....	1,100 33	463 87	630 00	46 28	49 47	22 40		95 63	5 55				
Christ, Kent Island.....		1,000 00		3 50				6 12					
St. Luke's.....	164 97	1,032 60	489 53	50	5 00	21 08	25 70	15 24				1 00	
St. Paul's, Q. Anne's.....	4,884 88	1,133 03	266 73	64 47	46 91	28 50	8 18	141 81	2 00	11 00		24 78	121 86
Wye.....	853 50	683 79	33 00				30 00	110 76		3 00		3 00	7 00
Somerset.....	2,571 99	1,418 69	704 00	20 00	62 00	193 60	15 00	162 25			14 25	21 20	
Coventry.....	300 00	209 00			19 00			57 00					
Wilcomco.....													
Pocomoke.....	800 05	487 13	50 00	10 00	27 00	99 82	40 00	53 10	5 00	8 00		5 00	15 00
St. Michael's.....	2,528 90	1,143 28	500 00	88 20	55 00	499 40	104 09	133 33	15 00			10 00	
St. Peter's.....	3,509 54	1,730 28	184 84	132 62	60 00	387 45	330 74	306 49	91 13	19 05	37 07	17 30	177 61
Holy Trinity.....												29 16	
Whitemarsh.....	1,138 35	1,138 35		20 00	25 00		25 00	81 88				3 47	55 00
* All Saint's.....	381 67	119 50					20 00	60 00				20 00	
St. Matthew's.....													
Spring Hill.....	1,976 78	1,324 14	145 00	25 00	51 00	230 80	1 00	70 03	8 36			5 50	136 65
Stepney.....										14 00		3 34	50 00
All Meadows.....	756 89	506 04	88 69	9 00	15 00	37 54	18 50	26 58					
Warwick.....													
	\$39,329 43	\$24,645 40	\$10,227 70	\$1,068 59	\$721 38	\$2,365 70	\$706 40	\$2,131 24	\$213 80	\$70 45	\$51 32	\$225 51	\$140 71

* Provisionally Organized.

TABLE III.—Summary of Vestry Reports.

Parish or Church.	ENDOWMENT OR VESTED FUNDS.			STATE OF PARISH ACC'T'S.	CHURCH EDIFICES.		RECTORY.	
	Glebe.	Am't.	How Invested.	Interest Paid.	Condition of.	Insur'e upon.	Condition of	Insur'e upon.
* St. John's, Caroline.....	None.		None.	No need Treas'r.	Good.	\$1600 00	None.	\$250 00
* St. Mary's, Whitechapel.....								\$250 00
* A. A. Stine, Mary Anne's.....								
North Nassau.....	A farm in good order & liming.		None.	Kept & audited.	New.	6300 00	Roof leaky	1000 00
Trinity.....	None.		None.	Present'd yearly.	Good.	2000 00	None.	500 00
* St. James.....	None.		None.	Kept & audited.	New.	4000 00	None.	450 00
Dorchester.....	None.		None.	Kept & audited.	Good.	None.	None.	400 00
East New Market.....	None.		None.	Kept & audited.	Good.	300 00	None.	250 00
Great Choptank.....	None.		None.	Kept & audited.	Church in fair order; Chapel needs repair.	300 00	Good.	100 00
Vienna.....	None.		None.	Kept; audited occasionally.	Good.	None.	None.	100 00
Chestertown.....	None.		None.		Fair.	None.	Fair.	1000 00
* L. C. Kent.....								
* St. Paul's, Kent.....								
Shrewsbury.....	None.		None.	No books kept.	Ch. bad; Chapel new.	None.	Very bad.	700 00
Christ Church, K. Island.....	None.		None.	Kept.	Abandoned.	2500 00	Fair.	500 00
* St. Luke's, Queen Anne's.....	None.		None.	Kept & audited.	Needs repair.	None.	Under rep.	500 00
* St. Paul's, Queen Anne's.....	None.		None.		Good.	None.	Good.	600 00
Wye.....	None.		None.		Good.	None.	Good.	600 00
* Coventry.....								
Somerset.....	None; five acres around rectory.	\$5400 00	Balt. City Stock.	Regularly.	Good.	None.	Good.	1000 46
* Wicomico.....								
Pocomoke.....	None.	425 00	Personal security.	Regularly.	Good.	3000 00	None.	No pl'e
* St. Michael's.....	None.	7000 00	B. City & Md. b's	Regularly.	Ch. bad; Chapels good	None.	Not good.	9000 00
* St. Peter's.....	None.		None.	Kept & audited.	Repairs proposed.	6250 00	Good.	2000 00
* Holy Trinity, Oxford.....								
Whitmarsh.....	None.	470 00	None.	Regularly.	Good.	None.	None.	1200 00
* St. Matthew's.....								
* Spring Hill.....								
* Stepien.....								
* All Hallows.....								
* Worcester.....								

* No Report. The Vestry as Trustees hold land for maintenance of a Rector.

CLERICAL REPORTS.

I send you a Report of my ministerial acts since the last Convention.

Commenced preaching in the Episcopal Chapel, Stevensville, on Sunday, 21st June, after Mr. Watson left, and preached there on the Sundays following, viz: June 28th; July 5th, 12th, 19th; Aug. 9th, 16th, 23d, and 30th; Sept. 6th and 13th; Nov. 1st, the Rector, on this occasion, being sick and not able to attend.

Nov. 20th.—Preached at a funeral.

Sept. 29th.—Baptised an infant in Wye Parish, for Dr. Avirett. Also, in Christ Church Parish, Kent Island, on 7th Oct., Baptised an infant at home, when very sick.

JOHN A. THOMPSON.

The undersigned respectfully reports, that during the past year he has been physically unable to engage in more active ministerial labor than teaching.

E. G. PERRYMAN.

The undersigned respectfully reports, that until the 12th of July last, he officiated regularly at St. Paul's Church, Whitmarsh Parish. He has also assisted the Rector of Christ Church, Easton, on several occasions, especially when Communion was to be administered. A portion of his summer vacation was spent in the Diocese of Virginia, where he officiated on two occasions. Since his return he has officiated at various places in the County of Talbot. In the absence of the Rev. Dr. Wilson, he baptized two infants and buried one. He also buried another in the Whitmarsh Parish.

As Principal of "The Bishop's School," he reports on its rolls, 26 girls and 20 boys, against 31 girls and 28 boys last year; also 4 teachers—2 gentlemen and 2 ladies—against 3 last year. The Rev. Robert Wilson, M. D., has also very kindly delivered before the Schools a series of instructive and interesting lectures. Owing to the increased proportion of teachers, the instruction this year has been more thorough than in former years. On the occasion of the Bishop's last visitation to this Parish, two of the pupils were presented by the Rev. Dr. Wilson for confirmation.

J. W. TURNER.

APPENDIX.

AN ACT, TO DEFINE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PARISHES IN THE DIOCESE OF EASTON.

Be it enacted, by the Convention of the Diocese of Easton, That the bounds of the several Parishes in the Diocese shall be as follows, to wit :

CECIL COUNTY.

North Elk, or St. Mary Anne's Parish.

Beginning on the Elk River at the mouth of Piney Creek, thence with the said creek to the place where it is crossed by the Elkton and Turkey Point road, thence with said road to its crossing Mill Creek to where it crosses the Elkton and Nottingham road, and thence with said road to where it crosses the Little North-East Creek at Mechanic's Valley, thence with the little North-East to Kirk's Mill on the Elkton and Blue Ball road, thence with said road north to the Pennsylvania line, thence westwardly with said line to the Susquehanna river, and thence with the shore line of Cecil County to the place of beginning.

Trinity Parish.

Beginning on the Elk river at the mouth of Piney Creek, thence with said creek to the Point where it is crossed by the Elkton and Turkey Point road, thence with said road to its crossing Mill Creek, to where it crosses the Elkton and Nottingham road, and thence with said road to where it crosses the Little North-East Creek at Mechanic's Valley, thence with the Little North-East to Kirk's Mill on the Elkton and Blue Ball road, thence with the said road north to the Pennsylvania line, thence with said line to the Maryland and Delaware line, thence with said line to its point of intersection with the bed of the Newcastle and Frenchtown railroad, thence with said railroad to Frenchtown, and thence with Elk River to the mouth of Piney Creek.

North Sassafras Parish.

Beginning at the mouth of Bohemia River, thence with said river to the line of Delaware, thence with the line of Delaware to Sassafras River, thence with said river to Elk River, and thence with Elk River to the place of beginning.

Augustine Parish.

Beginning at Piney Point, on Elk River, thence with said river to Frenchtown, thence by the bed of the old railroad from Frenchtown to Newcastle to its intersection with the line of Delaware, thence with the line of Delaware to Bohemia River, thence with said river to Elk River, and thence with Elk River to the place of beginning.

St. James' Church, Port Deposit.

Organized as a separate Congregation in St. Mary Anne's Parish, under leave granted by the Convention of the Diocese of Easton, A. D. 1871.

CAROLINE, QUEEN ANNE AND TALBOT COUNTIES.

St. John's Parish.

Beginning at the point where the southern boundary of St. Luke's Parish touches the dividing line between Queen Anne and Caroline Counties at Bridgetown, thence with the county road leading from Bridgetown to Roesville, thence with the road leading from Roesville to Colgan's cross roads, thence with the road leading from Colgan's cross roads to Ruthsburg, thence with the road leading from Ruthsburg to Hall's cross roads, thence from Hall's cross roads in a straight line to a point in the road leading from Wye Mills to Hillsborough called Callaghan's Bridge, thence with said road to the division line between Eliason's (Callaghan's) and Holt's (Seth's) farm, thence in a straight line southerly to the road leading from Skipton to Hillsborough, thence with said road to Cordova Station on Maryland and Delaware railroad, thence with said railroad south-westerly to the northern boundary of St. Peter's Parish, Talbot County, thence easterly with said boundary to Jadwin's Branch, and with said branch to Tuckahoe Creek, thence with said creek northwest to Doane's Landing, thence with the western boundary of St. Mary's White Chapel Parish to Choptank River, thence with said river northerly to the mouth of Medford's (or Driver's) Mill Stream, otherwise called Spring Branch, which constitutes the division line between the second and third elective districts of Caroline County, thence with said stream easterly to the head thereof, thence in a straight line easterly to the Delaware line, thence with said line north until it reaches the point where the Counties of Caroline and Queen Anne touch said boundary line (above Templeville), thence with the division line between Queen Anne's and Caroline Counties to the place of beginning.

St. Mary's White Chapel Parish.

Beginning at the mouth of Tuckahoe Creek and running with said creek to "Doane's Landing," thence with the county road northerly until it intersects the county road leading from Denton to Hillsborough at a point between the property of the late George Fisher and the lands of Capt. Robert K. Emerson, thence with said last-named road easterly to the road beginning opposite the residence of R. C. Carter leading to Greensborough, thence with said Greensborough road northeasterly to the stream of the "Stock Landing" (or Brick) Mill Branch, and thence with the said stream easterly until it reaches Choptank River, thence with said river northerly to the mouth of Medford's (or Driver's), otherwise called Spring Branch which constitutes the division line between the second and third election districts of Caroline County, thence with said stream easterly to the head thereof, thence in a straight line easterly to the line dividing the States of Maryland and Delaware, thence with the division line between said States south, to the line dividing Caroline and Dorchester Counties, and thence with said division line westerly to the Choptank River, thence with said river north to the place of beginning.

KENT COUNTY.

Chester Parish.

Beginning at a point which intersects the third and fourth elective districts of Kent County on the main road leading from Worton Creek to Chestertown, near the residence of Thomas C. Parsons, and thence by a due east course until it intersects Shrewsbury Parish at Chester River, and thence by and with said river to the mouth of Muddy Creek, thence up said creek to its head, thence by a straight line to the head of Bloody Bridge Branch, thence by and with said branch until it issues into Fanning's Branch, thence up said branch to its head, thence up a valley in James McLean's (now John R. Gray's) plantation to the main county road, and thence by and with said road to the place of beginning.

St. Paul's Parish.

Beginning at the mouth of a pond by the bay side, between Marmaduke Tilden's (now Luther Handy's) and Mr. T. B. H. Anderson's (now Mr. Overend's), and running up the pond side to the head thereof where it intersects the line between said Marmaduke Tilden's land and Geo. Copper's land, thence up that line to the road leading from said Tilden's to Coston Griffin's, thence with that road to intersect the main road from the head of Worton to Chestertown, and with that road to a valley in Jas. McLean's plantation leading into the head of a branch called Fanning's Branch, thence down that valley and branch to a small branch issuing into said Fanning's Branch called Bloody Bridge Branch,

thence up said branch to the head thereof, and with a straight line to the head of Muddy Creek, and down the said creek to Chester River, and thence by and with Chester River and Chesapeake Bay to the place of beginning.

I. U. Parish.

Established A. D. 1862—Maryland Convention Journal, page 6.

Beginning at the mouth of a pond by the bay side in the farm of J. H. B. Anderson (now Overend's)—that is to say, at the point where the boundary line of St. Paul's Parish begins, and running by and with said line (of St. Paul's Parish) to the point where it intersects the third and fourth election districts' line of Kent County, in the main road leading from Worton Creek to Chestertown, near the residence of T. C. Parsons, and thence by a due east course until it intersects the boundary line of Shrewsbury Parish, at Chester River, and thence by and with said line to its beginning at the mouth of Tunner's Creek of Sassafras River, and thence by said river to its mouth, and thence by the bay shore to the place of beginning.

Shrewsbury Parish.

Beginning at the mouth of Tunner's Creek, on Sassafras River, and running up the said creek to James Loutill's Point, and thence with the road leading by John Shannahan's into the main county road to Chestertown, thence with the said main county road to Thomas Perkins', and thence by the cross road to Isaac Perkins' Mill, and thence by a due southeast course to Chester River, thence with said river to Crumpton, thence with the main road through Chesterville to its intersection with the main road from Georgetown X Roads to Massey's X Roads, thence by a straight line to the point where the road leading from said Georgetown X Roads to the head of Sassafras to where the road crosses the most westerly branch, emptying into Anthony's Mill Pond, thence by and with said Pond and branch stream to its debouche into Sassafras River, and thence with said river to the mouth of Tunner's Creek, the place of beginning.

N. Kent Parish.

Established A. D. 1855.

Beginning at McAllister's Ferry (now Crumpton) on Chester River, and running from thence by and with the main road through Chesterville to its intersection with the main road from Georgetown X Roads to Massey's X Roads, thence by a straight line to the point where the road leading from said Georgetown X Roads to the head of Sassafras crosses the most westerly branch, emptying into Anthony's Mill Pond, thence by and with said pond and branch stream to its debouche into Sassafras River, thence with said river to the line of Delaware, thence with said line to Chester River, and thence with said river to the place of beginning.

QUEEN ANNE COUNTY.

St. Paul's Parish.

Beginning at Booker's wharf on Chester River, thence by a public road to Seth's Mill, thence to the line between election districts Nos. 2 and 3 to Colgan's X Roads, thence with the road from Colgan's X Roads to Ruthsburg, thence with the road from Ruthsburg to Hall's X Roads, thence with the road leading from Hall's X Roads to the road leading from Centreville to Easton, thence with said road to Madam Elsey's Branch, thence with the dividing line of election districts Nos. 3 and 5 to the head of Reed's Creek, thence with said creek to Chester River, and thence with said river to the place of beginning.

St. Luke's Parish.

Beginning at Booker's Wharf on Chester River, thence by a public road to Seth's Mill, thence to the line between election districts Nos. 2 and 3 to Colgan's X Roads, thence with the public road that leads to Dover, Kent County, Delaware, till said road intersects the line of Caroline County, thence with the line of Caroline County to the Delaware Line, thence with the line of Delaware to Chester River, and thence with Chester River to the place of beginning.

Christ Church Parish, Kent Island.

As originally established in 1692, comprises the whole of Kent Island.

QUEEN ANNE AND TALBOT COUNTIES.

Wye Parish.

[Established A. D. 1860 — *Maryland Convention Journal*, page 5.]

Beginning at a point where a stream of water commonly called Reed Creek empties into Chester River, and running up the said creek to its head, thence with a line following the line of the election districts to a point where it intersects the mail road from Centreville to Easton, at Madam Elsey's Branch, thence in a direct line to a point where the said air-line stretches the division line between St. Paul's, Queen Anne and Talbot Counties, and St. John's Parish, Caroline County, at Hall's X Roads, thence in a straight line to a point in the road (Callaghan's Bridge) leading from Wye Mills to Hillsborough, thence with said road to the division line between Eliason's and Holt's Farms, thence in a straight line to the road leading from Skipton to Hillsborough, thence with said road to Cordova Station, on the Maryland and Delaware railroad, thence with said railroad to the northern boundary of St.

Peter's Parish, Talbot County, thence with said line west, to the head of Brewer's Branch (Skipton Creek), thence with said branch or creek to Wye River, thence with Wye River to Easton Bay, thence bordering on said bay to Kent Narrows, thence with Kent Narrows to Chester River, and thence with said river to place of beginning.

TALBOT COUNTY.

St. Peter's Parish.

Beginning at the head of a cove on Trippe's Creek, thence with said cove and creek to Tread Haven Creek, thence running with said Creek to Easton Point, thence with the northern and eastern branch of said creek to its head, thence with a straight line to Wootenause's Bridge, on King's Creek, thence with said creek or branch to its head, thence by a straight line to the head of Brewer's Branch, thence eastwardly to the head of John Jadin's Branch, thence with said branch to Tuckahoe Creek, thence with said creek to Choptank River, thence with said river to the line of White Marsh Parish, thence with the line of said Parish a due west course to the place of beginning.

White Marsh Parish.

[Established A. D. 1858—*Maryland Convention Journal* 1859, page 106.]

Beginning at the head of a cove of Trippe's Creek at the junction of the lands of B. Haskins, M. T. Goldsborough and Hugh Hambleton, and running thence due east to Choptank River, thence with said river to the mouth of Tread Haven Creek, thence with the course of said creek to Trippe's Creek, and thence with said creek to the place of beginning.

St. Michael's Parish.

Beginning at Benoni's Point near the mouth of Tread Haven Creek, thence with said creek to Easton Point, thence with the northern and eastern branch to its head, thence with a straight line to Wootenause's Bridge on King's Creek or Branch, thence with said creek or branch to its head, thence by a straight line to the head of Brewer's Branch, thence with said branch to Wye River, thence with said river to its mouth, and thence with the shore line of Talbot County to the mouth of Tread Haven Creek, the place of beginning.

DORCHESTER COUNTY.

Great Choptank Parish.

Beginning at the mouth of Little Choptank River, and running up the said river to its head at Winsmore's Bridge, thence in a straight line to the head

of the North Branch of Blackwater River at the bridge on the County Road between the "Summer House" Farm and the farm owned by Joseph Snow, thence down the Blackwater River, and binding therewith to its mouth, thence to the mouth of Transquaking River, and up Transquaking River to its head at the "Double Bridges" on the County Road leading from Vienna to Cambridge, thence down the said road in a westwardly direction to a bridge over a branch which runs into the creek which divides "White Hall" Farm from "Fair View" Farm, usually known as Travers' Creek, thence down the said branch and creek to Great Choptank River, and thence running and binding with the waters of Great Choptank River and Chesapeake Bay to the beginning.

Dorchester Parish.

Beginning at the mouth of Little Choptank River, and thence running and binding with said river to its head at Winsmore's Bridge, thence in a straight line to the bridge on the County Road between the "Summer House" Farm and the Farm of Joseph Snow at the head of the north branch of Blackwater River, thence down the said river, and binding therewith to its mouth, thence in a straight line across the waters of Fishing Bay to the mouth of Island Creek, thence running and binding with said creek to the head thereof, and onward in a due east course to the Nanticoke River, thence with the divisional line between Dorchester County and Wicomico and Somerset Counties to Chesapeake Bay, and thence with the waters of said Bay to the beginning.

Vienna Parish.

Beginning at the head of Transquaking River at the Double Bridges on the County Road leading from Cambridge to Vienna, and thence running down the said river and binding therewith to its mouth, thence running and binding with the waters of Fishing Bay to the mouth of Island Creek, thence up the said creek and binding therewith to the head thereof, and onward in a due east course to Nanticoke River, thence up the Nanticoke River and the northwest fork thereof, and binding therewith to Crotcher's Ferry, and thence by a straight line to the beginning.

East New Market Parish.

Beginning at the mouth of the creek dividing the "White Hall" Farm from "Fairview" Farm, usually known as Travers' Creek, and thence running up the Choptank River and binding therewith to the divisional line between Dorchester and Caroline Counties, thence with said divisional line in an eastwardly direction to the divisional line between the State of Maryland and the State of Delaware, thence down said divisional line in a southerly direction and binding therewith to the northeast branch of Nanticoke River, thence down said branch and binding therewith to its junction with the northwest branch of said river, thence up the said northwest branch and binding therewith to Crotcher's

Ferry, thence by a straight line in a westwardly direction to the Double Bridges at the head of Transquaking River, thence down the County Road leading from Vienna to Cambridge in a westerly direction to a bridge over the branch which runs into the creek aforesaid usually known as Travers' Creek, and thence down the said branch and creek to the beginning.

WICOMICO COUNTY.

Spring Hill Parish.

Beginning at the mouth of Quantico Creek, thence by and with said creek to Quantico Mills, thence with the County Road from Quantico to Salisbury till it strikes Eliot's Creek, thence with the said creek to Wicomico River, thence with said river and the line which divides Somerset and Wicomico Counties to the Pocomoke River, thence with said rivers to the mouth of the Mill stream of Dr. Punnell's Mill, thence by a straight line to the head of Tony Tank Creek, thence by a straight line north to Amonythen's Mill, thence by the stream of said mill to Punnell I. Jones' Mill, thence by a straight line to Jacob Parker's Mill, thence by the road leading from Smith's Mills to Salisbury to the line of Delaware, thence by and with the line of Delaware to Nanticoke River, and thence with said river to the place of beginning.

Stepney Parish.

Beginning at the mouth of Quantico Creek, thence by and with said creek to Quantico Mills, thence with the County Road from Quantico to Salisbury till it strikes Eliot's Creek, thence with said creek to the Wicomico River, thence with said river to the Nanticoke River, and thence with the Nanticoke River to the place of beginning.

St. Matthew's Parish.

Beginning at the intersection of the Pocomoke River with the line which divides the States of Maryland and Delaware, and running by and with said line westerly to the road leading from Smith's Mills to Salisbury, thence down said road to Jacob Parker's Mill, thence by a straight line to Punnell I. Jones' Mill, thence with the stream of said mill to Amonythen's Mill, thence by a straight line south to Tony Tank Creek, thence along said creek to its head, thence by a straight line to Dr. Punnell's Mill, thence with said mill-stream to Pocomoke River, and thence with said river to the place of beginning.

SOMERSET COUNTY.

Somerset Parish.

Beginning at the mouth of Back Creek on Manokin River, thence with said creek to the bridge known as Back Creek Bridge, thence south by and with the road leading from Princess Anne to Kingston about a quarter of a mile to the head of the County Road leading to Green Hill, thence easterly with said road to Green Hill, thence by the road leading to Princess Anne to a branch called Trading Branch (head of King's Creek), thence with said branch to Plunket's Bridge, thence with the line which at present divides Princess Anne and Dublin Election Districts to Dividing Creek, thence with said Dividing Creek till it intersects the main County Road which divides Somerset and Worcester Counties, thence with said dividing road to the line of Wicomico County, thence with the line of said county to the head of Wicomico Creek, thence a straight line to the head of Great Monie Creek, and thence with said Creek and the shore-line of Somerset County to the place of beginning.

Wicomico Parish.

Beginning at the mouth of Great Monie Creek on Wicomico River, thence with said river to the Upper Ferry, thence by and with the road leading to the head of Wicomico Creek, thence by a straight line to the head of Great Monie Creek, and thence with said creek to the place of beginning.

Coventry Parish.

Beginning at the mouth of Back Creek, on Manokin River, thence with said creek to the bridge known as Back Creek Bridge, thence south by and with the road leading from Princess Anne to Kingston about one-fourth of a mile to the head of the County Road leading to Green Hill, thence by and with said road to the head of a road (near the farm now owned by Mr. James Dryden) leading to Rehoboth, thence southerly with said road to the head of a new County Road leading into the road from Newtown to Rehoboth, thence with the said new County Road easterly to the said road from Newtown to Rehoboth, thence with said road about one-half of a mile to a branch called Chicken Branch, thence with said branch to Pocomoke River, and thence with the shore line of Somerset County to the place of beginning.

SOMERSET AND WORCESTER COUNTIES.

Pocomoke Parish.

Beginning on the west side of Pocomoke River at the mouth of a branch called Chicken Branch at a point between Newtown and Rehoboth, thence by

and with said branch till it crosses the road leading from Newtown about one half a mile, thence westwardly with a new county road to a road leading to Rehoboth, thence by and with said road northwardly to the road leading from Newtown to Green Hill, thence westwardly with said road to Green Hill, thence northwardly by and with the County road leading to Princess Anne to Trading Branch, thence up said branch to Plunket's Bridge, thence with the line which at this time divides Princess Anne and Dublin election districts, to the point where said line intersects Dividing Creek, thence by and with said creek till it is crossed by the road leading from Princess Anne to Snow Hill, thence by and with said road to Naseonge Bridge and Creek, thence by and with said creek to its mouth on Pocomoke River, thence by and with said river to Cottingham's Ferry on the east side of the river, thence east by and with the County Road to Matthew's and Ellis' Mills, thence down said mill-race till it intersects the line dividing the States of Maryland and Virginia, thence with said line to Pocomoke River, and thence with said river to the place of beginning.

WORCESTER COUNTY.

Worcester Parish.

Beginning at the mouth of Ninepin Branch on Pocomoke River, thence with said river to the line of Delaware, thence with the Delaware line to the Atlantic Ocean, thence with the shore line of Worcester County to a point opposite the mouth of Marshall's Creek, thence with a straight line to the mouth of said creek, and thence with said creek to Mason's Landing, thence by and with the County Road leading to the head of Ninepin Branch, and thence with said branch to the place of beginning.

All Hallows' Parish.

Beginning at the mouth of Naseonge Creek, thence northerly with said creek to the line of Wicomico County, thence with the line of said County to the Pocomoke River, thence by and with said river to the mouth of Ninepin Branch, thence with said branch and the County Road to Mason's Landing on Marshall's Creek, thence with said creek to its mouth, thence with the shore line of Worcester County to the line dividing the States of Maryland and Virginia, thence by and with said dividing-line till it intersects the mill-stream of Matthew's and Ellis' Mills, thence with said stream to said Mills, thence by and with the County Road to Cottingham's Ferry on Pocomoke River, and thence by and with said river to the place of beginning.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF HOME FOR FRIENDLESS CHILDREN,
DIOCESE OF EASTON.

We hereby submit to the Convention of the Diocese of Easton, the Fifth Annual Report of the Officers and Managers of the Home for Friendless Children.

Since presenting our last Report, the only boy we had in the Institution has been placed in a good home, where all the advantages of a Christian education are secured to him. Two other children have been received, making the present number eighteen. We are thankful to state that they have enjoyed an unusual degree of good health,—no serious case of illness having occurred during the year.

Two young ladies of Port Deposit have undertaken to clothe a child, and another is clothed by some ladies of Elkton, making fourteen in all whose wardrobe is supplied from other Parishes than the one in which the Home is located.

We have received a gift of a handsome cabinet organ from two ladies of Baltimore, in memorial of a child of this Diocese. Also a clock from a friend in Cecil County, and a fine calf from a gentleman of Dorchester County. Another friend is at this time putting a substantial enclosure about our grounds, thus relieving us of a duty which would have been a severe drain upon our slender resources, and greatly improving, when completed, the appearance of the Institution. Subjoined is a list of boxes received and of Parishes in which a child is clothed. All which is respectfully submitted.

D. CORNELIA DAWSON, *Corresponding Sec'y.*

LIST OF BOXES RECEIVED.

Lot of dried fruit from Cecilton.
One box provisions and clothing from Elkton.
One wagon load provisions from Centreville.
One barrel and box from Port Deposit.
One barrel flour from Elkton.
One box provisions weighing 200 lbs. from Newtown.
One box and barrel from Berlin.
One barrel apples from a friend in Cecil Co.
One box fresh and salt meat from St. Paul's Parish, Kent Co.
Two barrels potatoes from St. Stephen's Church, Fairmount.
One box sundries from " " " "
Donation of candies, Clark and Jones, Baltimore.

LIST OF PARISHES IN WHICH A CHILD IS CLOTHED.

St. Mary Anne's Parish, Cecil Co., one child
Great Choptank Parish, Cambridge, one child.
Chestertown, Kent Co., one child.
Shrewsbury Parish, Kent Co., one child.

Centreville, Queen Anne's Co., one child.
 Princess Anne, Somerset Co., one child.
 St. Michael's Parish, Talbot Co., two children.
 Whitmarsh Parish, Talbot Co., one child.
 Two young ladies of Baltimore, one child.
 Two young ladies of Port Deposit, one child.
 Some ladies of Elkton, one child.

LIST OF OFFICERS.

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HOME FOR FRIENDLESS CHILDREN IN ACCOUNT WITH E. A.

GOLDSBOROUGH.

Subscriptions from Parishes.

Cecil County, North Elk Parish.....	\$ 5 38	
“ “ Trinity Church, Elkton.....	15 00	
“ “ St. James' Church, Port Deposit.....	27 37	
Total from Cecil County.....		\$ 47 75
Kent County, Shrewsbury Parish	\$12 00	
“ “ St. Paul's Parish.	16 00	
“ “ St. Paul's Church, Chestertown, (Miss Minnie Pearce).....	1 00	
Total from Kent County.....		29 00
Queen Anne's County, St. Paul's Parish.....		25 79
Caroline County, Church of the Holy Trinity, Greens- boro'.....	\$15 00	
“ “ New Year's gift from ladies and gen- tlemen of Denton.....	40 00	
Total from Caroline County.....		55 00
Talbot County, St. Michael's Parish, St. John's Chapel	\$ 43 69	
“ “ St. Michael's Parish, Christ Church...	61 00	
“ “ St. Michael's Parish, All Saints' Church	20 00	
“ “ St. Peter's Parish, Easton.....	330 74	
“ “ Wye Parish.....	8 25	
“ “ White Marsh Parish	23 25	
“ “ Lady Washington Tea Party in Easton	669 18	
Total from Talbot County.....		1,156 11
Dorchester County, Great Choptank Parish.....	\$58 45	
“ “ East New Market Parish.....	1 42	
“ “ Vienna Parish, St. Paul's Church...	2 08	
“ “ Dorchester Parish.....	6 00	
Total from Dorchester County.....		67 95
Somerset County, Somerset Parish.....		12 00
Wicomico County, Spring Hill Parish, Salisbury.....		1 00
Worcester County, Worcester Parish, St. Paul's Church	\$30 00	
“ “ All Hallows' Parish, Snow Hill.....	18 50	
“ “ Pocomoke Parish, St. Mary's Church	40 00	
Total from Worcester County.....		88 50
Total from Counties.....		1,483 10

Diocesan Convention of Easton.

Appropriation from the Legislature.....	\$5,000 00
Interest on Loan.....	150 00
Donation from Methodist Sunday School Concert, Easton.....	52 81
Miscellaneous receipts	11 00
Balance June 1st, 1874.	124 42
Total credit.....	\$6,521 33

Expenditures.

To Insurance.....	\$ 32 35
“ Lightning rods.....	95 00
“ Matron's salary.....	200 00
“ Assistant Matron.....	74 00
“ Wages	57 50
“ Fuel.....	174 32
“ Supplies	470 26
“ Clothing.....	66 07
“ Medicine.....	22 41
“ General expenses	225 59
Total current expenses.....	\$1,417 40
Loaned	4,000 00
Balance in bank	803 93
Total.....	\$6,521 33

E. A. GOLDSBOROUGH, *Treasurer.*
 ELIZA W. LAY, *President.*

June 1st, 1875.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE EPISCOPAL FUND.

The Trustees respectfully submit to the Convention the accompanying Report of the Treasurer, setting forth the receipts and disbursement of money paid on subscription and investment accounts.

The annual payments have not improved since the last report, urging greater effort to collect the dues.

Many of the Parishes have paid nothing—and of course are more and more in arrear.

It is to be hoped that the special agency authorized by the last Convention, will be more fully tested during the coming summer and autumn, after the crops have been marketed. Large numbers of accounts will be lost if not soon settled.

RICHARD S. CARMICHAEL,
 EDWARD L. F. HARRICASTELE,
 CHARLES L. WILKES,
 W. S. WALKER,
 GEORGE L. GOLDSBOROUGH,
 J. R. ALLEN.

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To the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Easton :

GENTLEMEN :—The Treasurer presents the following Report of subscription and interest receipts and their application :

The amount is smaller than in any previous year. Several Parishes are altogether in default, and many others have but feebly responded to the last annual appeal.

The Trustees may well commend so important a subject to the earnest consideration of the Convention.

Investments, as before reported (less \$150.00 loan paid). \$28,574.27

RECEIPTS.

On seventh annual instalment and arrearages.....	\$3,165 50
From loan paid.....	150 00
Balance at last report	406 37
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	\$3,721 87

EXPENSES.

Stamps, probits and expressage	\$12 00
Travelling expenses of the Rev. R. Wilson, as Special Collector.....	10 00

INVESTMENTS.

(Since report to the last Convention.)

Loans.....	\$1,950 00
\$1000 Pittsburg and Connellsville R. R. Bond.....	950 00
Balance to invest.....	799 87
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	\$3,721 87

INTEREST AND DIVIDEND RECEIPTS.

On subscription	\$ 895 10
On investments.....	1,774 65
Balance at last report.....	779 74
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	\$3,469 49

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid salary of the Bishop.....	\$2,500 00
Leaving to pay salary of the Bishop.....	969 49
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	\$3,469 49

June 2d, 1875.

I. L. ADKINS, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

In submitting their Annual Report, the Board of Missions congratulate the Diocese that, notwithstanding the financial discouragements and embarrass-

ments of the past twelve months, our engagements have been met fully and promptly. There is further encouragement in the decided increase of the amount contributed—a gratifying increase over that of any previous year. May not the hope be cherished that our period of apathy and irresolution has passed away; that, under the happy working of our excellent system, *all* the Rectors and *all* the Parishes will apply their utmost energy to the good work in the future? Our life, our vigor and progress, as a Diocese, depends, under God, upon our fidelity and zeal in this department.

The Report of our diligent Treasurer informs us that the total amount forwarded to him, with the collections of the Bishop at Visitations, sums up \$2,267.97; which is in excess of the offerings of previous years by \$467.31. Add to this the balance in hand at last Report, \$174.16, and we have, as the amount at the disposal of the Committee for the year, \$2,444.03.

The disbursements, including a small expense account, reach \$2,124.20.

Thus we have a balance on hand towards the quarterly payment of July 1st, \$319.83.

The appropriations have been as follows:—

<i>In Caroline County—</i>	
To St. John's Parish, Rev. Mr. Beaven.....	\$200 00
To St. Mary's White Chapel, Rev. Dr. Stearns.....	300 00
<i>In Cecil County—</i>	
To St. James' Church, Port Deposit, Rev. Mr. Martin.....	300 00
<i>In Dorchester County—</i>	
East New Market Parish, Rev. Mr. Hoskins.....	300 00
Dorchester Parish, Rev. Mr. Ellwood.....	300 00
<i>In Queen Anne County—</i>	
St. Luke's Parish, Rev. Mr. Schubert.....	200 00
<i>In Somerset County—</i>	
Coventry Parish, Rev. Dr. Crosdale.....	400 00
<i>In Talbot County—</i>	
All Saints' Church, Rev. Mr. Totten.	200 00
To a Postulant for Orders.....	25 00
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	\$2,225 00

For the fidelity and earnestness of the Clergy thus aided, and the results of their labors, we refer to the Address of the Bishop. Rather the names of the Missionaries will, at once, give assurance to the Diocese.

It will suffice to impress the Convention with the vital importance of sustaining these Missions when we adduce the one significant fact, that just one-fourth of the present Clergy List is represented by the Brethren employed in Mission work.

It is notable that in the Southern Convocation one Mission alone is aided. Yet no more earnest appeal—no more inviting field—could be offered than that which many neglected neighborhoods in that section present. The opening for reviving the dear old Church of their fathers is now full of encouragement in several localities. But will not that encouragement soon be withdrawn? Will not others speedily occupy the field to our exclusion? Surely immediate action is imperative.

The Committee cannot establish one new Mission unless an enlarged amount is collected. Permit us, at least, to send one laborer to Wicomico during the next year.

The Board must be allowed further to express the hope that, at no distant day, some of the stations — notably those which have for a long period received aid — will become self-supporting. The expectation is a reasonable one, that a smaller appropriation will be required when full time for establishment and growth has been granted.

For how can we occupy any new localities, however inviting, if the present claims have no limit in time? We offer these suggestions that they may be deliberately weighed by those who are in charge of our oldest Missions.

In conclusion, the Board proffer no explanatory statement or appeal in behalf of the now well-established method of Quarterly Collections through the Envelope System. That plan, so warmly advocated on our part heretofore, has received the full sanction of the Diocese. It has vindicated its own efficiency after a trial of two years. Could we only persuade each Rector and Vestry of the Diocese to an intelligent, active, *heartly* co-operation, our highest anticipations regarding the work of Christ in this Diocese would, with the blessing of God, be realized.

Let earnestness, self-sacrifice and harmony attend our efforts in this department, and how glorious results must appear!

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY C. LAY,
JOHN CROSDALE,
THEO. P. BARBER,
LEWIS WALKE,
I. L. ADKINS.

1874.	June 5.	To cash paid Rt. Rev. H. C. Lay, balance due on travelling expenses for 1873-4.....	\$187 50	4.	By balance on hand.....	\$ 80 72
"	" 6.	" " " Rev. J. L. Bryan, per Mr. Seth J. E. Seth's bill of expenses for distributing circulars of special assessment.....	10 00	5.	By Cash of Joseph H. Seth, Chairman of Parochial Contributions to Convention Fund.....	\$ 513 50
"	" 23.	" "				

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

T. HUGHLETT, Treasurer.



